

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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### **General Information**

On Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) published the following interim final policy guidance documents for SEVP adjudicators:

- **SEVP Policy Guidance S1.2.6: State Licensure Exemption Evidence** - Clarifies the evidentiary requirements for schools exempt from state licensure.
- **SEVP Policy Guidance S4.3: Change of Ownership** - Interprets the change of ownership regulation for SEVP-certified schools. The guidance covers change of ownership thresholds, the types of changes requiring reporting and determining the date of change.

As official SEVP policy, interim final guidance documents establish standards that are used in SEVP adjudications. These documents are intended to clarify laws or regulations related to SEVP adjudications and do not replace or supersede those laws or regulations.

Both policy guidance documents will be open for public comment until Monday, Feb. 27, 2017. The public can find both documents on the [Study in the States SEVP Guidance for Comment page under Interim Final Guidance](#). This site also contains the procedure for submitting comments.

### **Comments**

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