

Broadcast Message: Notice of Final Fee Rule Taking Effect

To: All SEVIS Users

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Re: Notice of Final Fee Rule Taking Effect

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General Information

This message is to inform you that the new Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) fees, published in a final rule to the [Federal Register](#) May 23, 2019, will **take effect at 12 a.m. EDT June 24, 2019**.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will adjust fees charged to international students, exchange visitors and SEVP-certified schools. The fees are an estimate of the current and projected costs of funding needed to continue enhancing SEVP's ability to achieve the program's priorities – supporting national security and preventing immigration fraud.

Fee Increases

DHS will implement an increase to the following fees:

- The I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee for F and M international students will increase from \$200 to **\$350**.
- DHS will maintain the **\$35** I-901 SEVIS Fee for J exchange visitors in the au pair, camp counselor, and summer work or travel program participant categories, but increase the full I-901 SEVIS Fee for other J exchange visitors from \$180 to **\$220**.
- The SEVP school certification petition fee for initial certification will increase from \$1,700 to **\$3,000**.

New Fees

DHS will introduce the following new fees:

- A **\$1,250** fee for SEVP-certified schools filing a petition for recertification.
- A **\$675** fee when schools file the Form I-290B, "Notice of Appeal or Motion."
- DHS will maintain the **\$655** fee for a site visit for a petitioning school and its additional schools or campuses during initial certification and will also charge this fee when a SEVP-certified school changes its physical location or adds a new physical location or campus to its Form I-17, "Petition for Approval of School for Attendance by Nonimmigrant Student."

Next Steps

The new fee structure will be implemented at 12 a.m. EDT June 24, 2019, after which time all schools and students will be required to pay the new and increased fees.

– Students

Regulation requires all prospective F, M, and J students to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee before the U.S. Department of State issues a visa. Students must present proof of your I-901 SEVIS Fee payment at their visa interview. Students and exchange visitors who pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee prior to the fee implementation date, but before they obtain a visa, will not need to pay the difference between the new fee and the old fee. Students will continue to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee on FMJfee.com.

– Schools

Schools will continue to pay all fees related to the Form I-17 at Pay.gov, and will pay the new Form I-290B, “Notice of Appeal or Motion,” fee at Pay.gov. Should a school submit a complete initial certification or recertification petition, petition update or Form I-290B and it is not filed or adjudicated before the fee implementation date, the school will not be required to pay the new or increased fee retroactively while in submitted status. If SEVP cancels a school’s submission on or after the date the new fees are implemented because the original petition was incomplete, the school will be required to pay the new fees when resubmitting their petition.

Resources

For more information on SEVP’s new fees, please refer to the following SEVP resources:

- [SEVP Announces Changes to Program Fees](#)
- [SEVP Fee Rule: What Schools Should Know](#)
- [SEVP Fee Rule: What Student Should Know](#)

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