

Broadcast Message: DHS Announces Special Student Relief Employment Benefits to Certain Palestinian Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship

To: All SEVIS Users

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General Information

On April 12, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the suspension of certain on-campus and off-campus regulatory requirements for certain Palestinian F-1 nonimmigrant students who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian Territories. This action for certain Palestinian F-1 nonimmigrant students covered by this notice began on February 14, 2024, and ends on August 13, 2025.

DHS will continue to monitor the situation in the Palestinian Territories and will announce any additional modifications or extensions to this notice in the Federal Register.

The [Notice](#) applies exclusively to certain Palestinian F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- Are a non-U.S. citizen of any nationality, or without nationality, and who possesses an authentic document described in the Supplementary Information section of the Notice, including but not limited to:
 - a Palestinian Authority Passport;
 - a Palestinian Authority Identification Card;
 - a Birth Certificate or Birth Extract verified or issued by a recognized governmental authority identifying the holder as having been born in the Palestinian Territories;
 - an identification document issued by a third country, the United Nations its specialized agencies and related organizations, or the International Committee of the Red Cross, indicating the holder is a Palestinian; or
 - a travel document issued by a third country, the United Nations its specialized agencies and related organizations, or the International Committee of the Red Cross, identifying the holder as a Palestinian.
- Were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on Feb. 14, 2024;
- Are enrolled in a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified school;
- Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and
- Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current humanitarian crisis in the Palestinian Territories.

Please refer to the Palestinian [Federal Register Notice](#) for more information regarding:

- The specific SSR action effective with this Notice;
- Who is covered by these SSR actions;
- Why DHS took these SSR actions; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under this SSR action.

Additional information about SSR and when eligible students may apply is available on the [F-1 Special Student Relief Fact Sheet](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.dhs.gov/SEVP) and the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). Stakeholders with case-specific questions can contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-892-4829 or via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

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