

Broadcast Message: Policy Guidance on Form I-20 Issuance and School Use of Recruiters

To: All SEVIS Users

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Re: Policy Guidance on Form I-20 Issuance and School Use of Recruiters

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General Information

On June 4, 2019, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) published a Policy Guidance document on Form I-20 “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status,” Issuance and School Use of Recruiters. The Form I-20 is issued to nonimmigrant students who have been accepted for enrollment at an SEVP-certified educational institution in the United States.

The new Policy Guidance clarifies that for reasons of privacy, security and fraud prevention, the SEVP-certified school must issue the Form I-20 directly to the nonimmigrant student, their dependents or, for minors, to the parent or guardian of the nonimmigrant student. Recruiters may not receive the Form I-20 directly from a school’s designated school official and control the distribution of the Form I-20 for the prospective student.

The Form I-20 is a record of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Information contained in SEVIS is classified as personally identifiable information and is subject to the SEVIS [System of Records Notice](#) published in the Federal Register, pursuant to the [Privacy Act of 1974](#). Consequently, SEVP is required to protect the information in the Form I-20 and its disclosure is only permitted to enumerated parties and only under limited circumstances.

Review and download the new Form I-20 Issuance and School Use of Recruiters Policy Guidance on ICE.gov [here](#).

If you have questions about the Form I-20 Issuance and School Use of Recruiters Policy Guidance, please contact the SEVP Response Center at 703-603-3400 or 800-892-4829, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except on federal holidays.

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