

To: All SEVIS Users
Date: November 18, 2011
Re: Department of State Inability to Issue F, M and J Visas
Number: 11111-02

Comments

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Background

The Department of State (DoS) has recently identified difficulties with its Consolidated Consular Database (CCD) communicating with the Student and Exchange Visitor Program’s (SEVP) Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

DoS discovered this issue on November 14, 2011.

Purpose

SEVP and DoS are investigating this issue between CCD and SEVIS to bring about a resolution as quickly as possible. Effective immediately, in order to ensure maximum data integrity and consistency, DoS has temporarily halted the issuance of ALL F, M and J visas at all U.S. Embassies and Consulates .

Please note that this may alter prospective students’ or exchange visitors’ travel schedules.

SEVP plans to circulate additional broadcast messages upon receipt of any updates or changes regarding this issue.