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# SEVIS RELEASE 6.35 PLANNING GUIDE

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Scheduled Release Date: July 21, 2017

## Functionality in the Release

Functionality	Affects F/M SEVIS	Affects J SEVIS	Affects Batch
Certification expiration date changes	Yes	No	No
Edit petition, as a part of recertification	Yes	No	No
Upload evidence for initial Form I-17, petition updates, and recertification (TBD)	Yes	No	No
Upload evidence for correction requests (TBD)	Yes	No	No
STEM OPT Changes:	Yes	No	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Adding checkbox for DSO to indicate receipt of student's STEM self-evaluation</li> <li>— Changing SEVIS' calculation of STEM end date to match USCIS' approved end date</li> </ul>			

## Release-Related Webinars

- [SEVIS 6.35 Pre-Release Webinar](#) (June 30, 2017)

## Release Resources

- [SEVIS 6.35 Release Planning Guide](#)
- [SEVIS Form I-17 Petition Update](#)
- [Upload Evidence - Correction Requests](#)
- [Upload Evidence - Form I-17](#)

## System Unavailability

Outage Begins	Outage Scheduled to End
Friday, July 21, 2017 at 8:00 PM (ET)	Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59 PM (ET)

Currently, SEVP expects the outage to last four hours (approximately).

## Batch Users

Schools and sponsors that use third-party software to push data to SEVIS must plan their batch uploads carefully.

The update to the system does not involve a change to the batch schema. Schools that cannot deploy their batch vendor's updates to their batch software by the release date will still be able to submit registration events via batch.

## Critical Date/Time

Friday, July 21, 2017 at 8:00 - 11:59 PM (ET) SEVIS is unavailable for batch uploads.