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SEVIS RELEASE 6.41 PLANNING GUIDE

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Scheduled Release Date: October 26, 2018

Functionality in the Release

Functionality	Affects F/M SEVIS	Affects J SEVIS	Affects Batch
Change to the calculation of days of unemployment for post-completion and STEM OPT to a cumulative count	Yes	No	No

The release will change how SEVIS calculates the days of unemployment that a student may accrue while on post-completion and STEM optional practical training (OPT).

After October 26, 2018, SEVIS will calculate the total number of unemployment days, as required in regulation. SEVIS will check the record daily and count every day where there is a gap in employment. The unemployment counter is displayed in the expanded view of the SEVIS *Employment Information* page.

Release Resources

- [SEVIS Release 6.41 Planning Guide](#)
- [Revision to View Employment Information page \(available after the release\)](#)

System Unavailability

Outage Begins	Outage Scheduled to End
Friday October 26, 2018 at 8:00 PM (ET)	Friday October 26, 2018 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.

Critical Date/Time	What Happens
Friday October 26, 2018 at 8:00 PM (ET) to 11:59 PM (ET)	SEVIS is unavailable for batch uploads.



No warnings issued at this time.

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