

**To:** All SEVIS Users

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**Re:** Updated I-901 Fee Payment Tutorial now on Study in the States

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### **General Information**

Today, the I-901 Fee Payment Tutorial was updated to reflect changes to the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Form I-901, as well as to emphasize the importance of certain guidelines when completing the form. The new SEVIS Form I-901 was deployed on July 26, 2015, and now includes a mandatory email address field that allows the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to instantly send an email notification to students when their I-901 SEVIS Fee payment status changes.

The updated tutorial guides students through each step of the required I-901 SEVIS Fee payment process, highlighting the information they must input and what they must do once they have completed payment on [FMJfee.com](http://FMJfee.com). The tutorial also clarifies instructions for making payments through the Western Union payment process.

For additional information and to view the updated tutorial, visit [Study in the States](#).

### **Important reminders highlighted in the tutorial:**

- Regulation requires all prospective F and M students to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee **before** the U.S. Department of State issues them a visa to study in the United States.
- The I-901 SEVIS Fee is different from the fees for visa services issued by the Department of State.
- F and M students must pay their I-901 SEVIS Fee in order to study in the United States, to remain compliant and to maintain their student status.
- F and M students must print their I-901 SEVIS Fee payment receipt to present as proof of payment at their visa interview and to enter the United States at a U.S. port of entry. Showing an email notification alone will not be sufficient.
- The SEVIS ID on the payment confirmation receipt must always match the SEVIS ID on the student's most current Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," unless the F or M student is considered a border commuter student. If the SEVIS ID is different, please email [FMJfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:FMJfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov) to confirm if a new I-901 Fee payment is required.

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