

## **Broadcast Message: DHS Extends Special Student Relief Employment Benefits to Yemeni Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship**

**To:** All SEVIS users

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### **General Information**

On July 8, 2024, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the suspension of certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students from Yemen who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the current crisis in Yemen. This notice extends Special Student Relief (SSR) for eligible students from Sept. 4, 2024, until March 3, 2026.

These notices temporarily suspend applicable on-campus and off-campus employment regulations for eligible Yemeni students. DHS will continue to monitor the situation in Yemen and will announce any additional modifications or extensions to these notices in the Federal Register.

These notices apply exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students who meet all of the following conditions:

- Are citizens of Yemen regardless of country of birth (or individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Yemen);
- Are lawfully present in the United States in an F-1 nonimmigrant status on July 10, 2024;
- Are enrolled in a Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified school;
- Are currently maintaining F-1 nonimmigrant status; and
- Are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen.

The suspension of these requirements will remain in effect until March 3, 2026, for Yemeni students.

Please refer to the Yemen [Federal Register Notice](#) for more information regarding:

- The specific SSR action effective with this notice;
- Who is covered by these SSR actions;
- Why DHS took these SSR actions; and
- How to apply for employment authorization under this SSR action.

Additional information about SSR and when eligible students may apply is available on the [F-1 Special Student Relief Fact Sheet](#) at [ICE.gov/SEVP](https://ice.gov/SEVP) and the [What is Special Student Relief?](#) infographic in the Study in the States [Resource Library](#). Stakeholders with case-specific questions can contact the SEVP Response Center (SRC) via phone at 703-603-3400 or 1-800-

892-4829 or via email at [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov). The SRC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, except for federal holidays.

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