

# Handling a Form I-515A

If you receive a Form I-515A, “Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor,” it is very important that you send your response to SEVP within 30 days. If you do not, it will negatively affect your international student status in the United States and you may be required to depart the United States.



The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer just issued you a Form I-515A. Now what do you do?

The CBP officer who issues you a Form I-515A may tell you what documents, signatures, or information are missing or are incomplete. The form is a checklist that describes exactly what is missing or incomplete, and tells you what you must do.

SEVP will process your documents and return them to a designated school official (DSO) at your school. If your submission is correct, SEVP will return your documents with a letter of approval and the Form I-94, “Arrival/Departure Record,” will have an extended departure date. Then you can get the documents from your DSO for you to keep safely.

For more detailed information, visit [studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a](http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/515a).



You must submit this paperwork before the “admit until” date on your Form I-94.

Mail documentation to the following address:

Student and Exchange Visitor Program DHS/ICE  
ATTN: SEVIS/Form I-515A Processing Team  
500 12th Street SW STOP 5600  
Washington, DC 20536-5600

● Arrival Date



You have **30 days** from the date of entry into the United States to submit your correct paperwork to the SEVP Form I-515A processing team.



● Notify your DSO of Your Form I-515A

● Admit Until Date on Form I-94

If you receive a Form I-515A, the first thing you should do is to alert your DSO. Your DSO will work with you to make sure you have everything in order. Collect the necessary paperwork and send the originals by mail.