




Immigration Update: SEVIS Terminations Reversed

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Dear Student:

We know that there is a lot of concern related to immigration enforcement that has impacted the international community in recent weeks. We write to you today to provide an update regarding actions by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in terminating student's Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) records. As of April 26, 2025, ICE has [reversed the termination](#) of SEVIS records for over [1,800 international students](#) studying in the U.S., and has temporarily halted any further terminations. At UC Berkeley, all 15 students and 8 post-graduates with terminated immigration records have been restored to Active status.

The reversal of SEVIS record terminations has come after several lawsuits were filed against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), where plaintiffs (students) argued that SEVIS terminations violated administrative law, as students were not given notice, opportunity to respond, or clear evidence supporting the action.

While DHS and ICE have currently paused terminations based solely on National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database checks and restored previously terminated SEVIS records, the government has indicated it is working on developing a new formal policy for the process of terminating SEVIS records.

While this is encouraging news we want you to continue to be vigilant in maintaining all aspects of your status and to adhere to all regulations that relate to your non-immigrant status. We also advise you to exercise caution as it relates to international travel and to continue to weigh what potential risks that such associated travel will raise for you. As always you are encouraged to consult with a BIO advisor on any questions related to your

immigration status and/or any intended travel plans. You can contact a BIO advisor for [in-person or virtual advising](#) or by emailing internationaloffice@berkeley.edu.

BIO will continue to provide you with more information as we learn more.

Sincerely,

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