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Effective July 31, 2013, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) will no longer mail I-797C receipts. The payment confirmation that can be printed from the FMJFEE website (www.fmjfee.com^[2]) will replace the I-797C mailed receipt. The payment confirmation can be printed anytime by clicking on the "Check I-901 Status / Print Payment Confirmation" button below. After entering your SEVIS ID, Last Name, and Date of Birth you will be able to print your payment confirmation.

I-901 SEVIS Fee Process

[File the Form I-901, "Fee Remittance for Certain F, J and M Nonimmigrants" online](#) ^[3]

[Paper Form I-901 \(PDF](#) ^[4] | 97 KB)

[Check payment status](#) ^[5]

[I-901 SEVIS Fee frequently asked questions](#) ^[6]

Western Union Quick Pay

[Payment by Western Union Quick Pay Instructions](#) ^[7]

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[U.S. F and M Visa Instructions](#) ^[10]

[U.S. J Visa Instructions](#) ^[11]

I-901 SEVIS Fee Assistance

E-mail address: [fmjfee \[dot\] SEVIS \[at\] ice \[dot\] dhs \[dot\] gov](mailto:fmjfee@ice.dhs.gov)

I-901 SEVIS Fee customer service hotline at **703-603-3400**

I-901 SEVIS Fee Chargeback Compliance

A chargeback occurs when a credit card holder disputes a charge that appears on a credit card statement. A brief investigation by the credit card company determines whether the charge is legitimate. If the charge is not legitimate, the credit card company then performs all of the following actions:

1. Refunds the money to the credit card holder's account
2. Deducts the amount from the merchant's account
3. Charges the merchant a penalty fee

If you received a letter titled, "Notice to Students and Exchange Visitors" regarding I-901 SEVIS Fee payment fraud, the notice gives instructions on how to avoid *Terminated* or *Cancelled* SEVIS status. Failure to pay within 30 days will cause the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and the Department of State (DoS) to proceed with the following actions:

1. For F and M students and J exchange visitors with *Active, Terminated, No Show* or *Inactive* status

1. SEVP will terminate the SEVIS records of those F or M students and DoS will terminate the SEVIS records of those J exchange visitors. SEVIS records will show *Terminated* with reason code, "Other" for J exchange visitors and, "Otherwise Failing to Maintain Status" for F and M students.
2. The comments accompanying this termination will note, "Fee Payment Fraud Alert." SEVP will place a flag on the name and SEVIS record of the F or M student or J exchange visitor. This flag will alert the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the ports of entry that the F or M student or J exchange visitor has a Fraud Alert for failure to make a fee payment.
3. The Counter Terrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit ^[12] (CTCEU) reviews all terminated records to determine the need for further investigation.
4. F and M students and J exchange visitors who do not pay the regulation-mandated I-901 SEVIS Fee after receiving a Form I-515A are subject to the following:
 1. Investigation
 2. Possible arrest, detention, deportation and denial of requested benefits
 3. Possible "bar" from future entry into the United States

2. For F and M students and J exchange visitors with *Initial* status

1. SEVP will do the following:
 1. Send a list of the F and M students and J exchange visitors who have not yet entered the United States.
 2. Mark each record either cancelled (F or M student) or invalid (J exchange visitor)
 3. Place a flag on the name and record of the F or M student or J exchange visitor to alert CBP officers at ports of entry to a fraud alert for failure to make a fee payment
2. CBP will issue the entering F or M student or J exchange visitor a Form I-515A, which allows 30 days to make payment for the I-901 SEVIS Fee.
3. If SEVP does not receive payment within the given 30 days, SEVP will forward the *Cancelled* and *Invalid* status records to CTCEU for investigation and possible

removal.

4. Upon receipt of payment from the F or M student or J exchange visitor and the subsequent processing of the payment, SEVP does all of the following:
 1. Removes all flags
 2. Clears the SEVIS record of comments
 3. Updates the record to reflect payment confirmation

You may check your current SEVIS status by talking to your designated school official or responsible officer. For questions, send a detailed e-mail to fmjfee [dot] SEVIS [at] ice [dot] dhs [dot] gov.

Description	Amount
I-901 SEVIS Fee F or M visa applicants (full payment)	\$200
I-901 SEVIS Fee J visa applicants (full payment)	\$180
I-901 SEVIS Fee special J-visa categories (subsidized payment)	\$35
I-901 SEVIS Fee government visitor (no payment)	\$0

1. For schools petitioning for initial SEVP certification:
 1. Petition fees increased from \$230 to \$1,700.
 2. Site visit fees increased from \$350 to \$655 per campus.
2. For schools that are already SEVP-certified:
 1. Petition fees for change of ownership increased from \$230 to \$1,700.
 2. Site visit fees for addition of a campus increased from \$350 to \$655.
 3. There is no fee for recertification.

Nonimmigrant Visas:

SEVIS ^[13]

SEVP ^[14]

F Visa ^[15]

Profession/Occupation:

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[2] <http://www.ice.gov/exec/leaving.asp?url=http://www.fmjfee.com>

[3] <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp>

[4] <http://www.ice.gov/doclib/sevis/pdf/I-901.pdf>

[5] https://www.fmjfee.com/check_status.jhtml

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