

hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. This notice extends the effective date of that notice. These students will continue to be allowed to apply for employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session provided that they satisfy the minimum course load requirement, while continuing to maintain their F-1 student status until July 22, 2017.

DATES: This notice is effective August 25, 2015, and will remain in effect until July 22, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis Farrell, Director, Student and Exchange Visitor Program, MS 5600, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 500 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20536-5600; email: sevp@ice.dhs.gov, telephone: (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary of Homeland Security is exercising authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to extend the suspension of the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. *See* 75 FR 56120 (Sept. 15, 2010) (2010 Haitian F-1 nonimmigrant notice). The original notice was effective from September 15, 2010, until July 22, 2011. Subsequent notices provided for an 18-month extension from July 22, 2011, until January 22, 2013 (76 FR 28997, May 19, 2011); from January 22, 2013, until July 22, 2014 (77 FR 59942, Oct. 1, 2012); and again from July 22, 2014, until January 22, 2016 (79 FR 11805, Mar. 03, 2014). Effective with this publication, suspension of certain requirements involving employment is extended for 18 months from January 22, 2016, until July 22, 2017.

F-1 nonimmigrant students granted employment authorization through the notice will continue to be deemed to be engaged in a "full course of study" for the duration of their employment authorization, provided they satisfy the minimum course load requirement described in the 2010 Haitian F-1 nonimmigrant notice. *See* 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

Who is covered under this action?

This notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country

of citizenship is Haiti and who were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on January 12, 2010, under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i); and who are—

(1) Enrolled in an institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for enrollment of F-1 students,

(2) Currently maintaining F-1 status, and

(3) Experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

This notice applies to both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as elementary school, middle school, and high school students. The notice, however, applies differently to elementary school, middle school, and high school students (see the discussion published in the 2010 Haitian F-1 nonimmigrant notice, 75 FR 56120, available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-09-15/pdf/2010-22929.pdf>, in the question, "Does this notice apply to elementary school, middle school, and high school students in F-1 status?").

F-1 students covered by this notice who transfer to other academic institutions that are SEVP-certified for enrollment of F-1 students remain eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

Why is DHS taking this action?

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) took action to provide temporary relief to F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who experienced severe economic hardship because of the January 12, 2010 earthquake. *See* 75 FR 56120. That action enabled these F-1 students to obtain employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school was in session, and reduce their course load, while continuing to maintain their F-1 student status.

The January 12, 2010 earthquake caused extensive damage to Haiti's infrastructure, public health, agriculture, transportation, and educational facilities. While significant progress has been made in living conditions and infrastructure in Haiti, the country continues to struggle with many people still displaced as a result of the earthquake, and it faces ongoing challenges to its overall economic situation. According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as of January 9, 2015, approximately 80,000

Haitians remain in temporary camps.¹ For these reasons, among others, Haiti continues to experience significant difficulties as the country strives to recover. F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti may depend on money from relatives in Haiti who are themselves continuing to recover from the earthquake.

The United States is committed to continuing to assist the people of Haiti. DHS is therefore extending the suspension of certain requirements involving employment authorization for certain F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are continuing to experience severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake.

How do I apply for an employment authorization under the circumstances of this notice?

F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti; who were lawfully present in the United States on January 12, 2010; and who are experiencing severe economic hardship because of the January 12, 2010 earthquake may apply for employment authorization under the guidelines described in the 2010 Haitian F-1 nonimmigrant notice. This notice extends the time period during which such F-1 students may seek employment authorization due to the earthquake. It does not impose any new or additional policies or procedures beyond those listed in the original notice. All interested F-1 students should follow the instructions listed in the original notice.

Jeh Charles Johnson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[DHS-2015-0051]

Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: Information Sharing Environment (ISEO)/Office of Chief Information Officer (OCIO), Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee management; notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

¹ International Organization for Migration (IOM): "Five Years After 2010 Earthquake, Thousands of Haitians Remain Displaced" (Jan. 9, 2015), available at <http://www.iom.int/news/five-years-after-2010-earthquake-thousands-haitians-remain-displaced>.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Council (HSINAC) calls a full body, in-person meeting of its membership to receive all relevant information and facilitate development of recommendations to the HSIN Program Management Office (PMO) in the major issue area of developing Focused Mission Growth outcome measures.

DATES: The HSINAC will meet Monday, September 28, 2015 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. EST and Tuesday, September 29, 2015 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. in Washington, DC, and via conference call and HSIN Connect, an online web-conferencing tool, both of which will be made available to members of the general public. Please note that the meeting may end early if the committee has completed its business.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Washington, DC at 131 M. Street NE., 6th floor Conference Room and virtually via HSIN Connect, an online web-conferencing tool at <https://share.dhs.gov/hsinac>, and available via teleconference at 888-917-8048. Conference Pin: 1648049 for all public audience members. To access the web conferencing tool, go to <https://share.dhs.gov/hsinac>, click on “enter as a guest,” type in your name as a guest, and click “submit.” The teleconference lines will be open for the public and the meeting brief will be posted beforehand on the **Federal Register** site (<https://www.federalregister.gov/>). If the Federal government is closed, the meeting will be rescheduled.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Allison Buchinski, allison.buchinski@associates.dhs.gov, 202-343-4277, as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the committee. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than September 18, must be identified by the docket number—DHS-2015-0051, and may be submitted by *one* of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* Allison Buchinski, allison.buchinski@associates.hq.dhs.gov. Also include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202-447-3111.

- *Mail:* Allison Buchinski, Department of Homeland Security, OPS CIO-D Stop 0426, 245 Murray Lane SW., BLDG 410, Washington, DC 20528-0426.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number (DHS-2015-0051) for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received by the HSINAC go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and type the docket number of DHS-2015-0051 into the “search” field at the top right of the Web site.

A public comment period will be held during the meeting on Monday, September 28, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and again on Tuesday, September 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 3 minutes. Please note that the public comment period may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments. Contact one of the individuals listed below to register as a speaker.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Officer, Michael Brody, Michael.brody@hq.dhs.gov, and Phone: 202-282-9464.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Homeland Security Information Network Advisory Committee (HSINAC) is an advisory body to the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) Program Office. This committee provides advice and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on matters relating to HSIN. These matters include system requirements, operating policies, community organization, knowledge management, interoperability and federation with other systems, and any other aspect of HSIN that supports the operations of DHS and its Federal, state, territorial, local, tribal, international, and private sector mission partners. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The HSINAC provides advice and recommendations to DHS on matters relating to HSIN.

Agenda

The Agenda will have three major components. The first, Program Updates, will provide the HSINAC with information necessary to discuss and develop recommendations on specific advice related to the critical mission areas in which HSIN achieves growth in its user base and/or mission application, and how mission can establish a clear, reusable set of mission based outcome measures which will adequately convey the actual mission impact that HSIN has

in homeland security operations. The second, Recommendations Development, will involve the deliberation by the HSINAC on the major issue area of defining Focused Mission Growth outcome measures to assist the Program in defining user success moving forward.

1. HSIN Program Update

a. HSINAC Members receive HSIN PMO updates on the following key issues, and offer critical feedback, guidance, and initial formulation of recommendations for future program enhancements:

i. An Introduction to the Information Sharing Environment Office (ISEO)—Members are provided an overview of the office and HSIN’s recent alignment with ISEO and OCIO.

ii. The State of HSIN—Members are provided a strategic update on HSIN’s progresses, challenges, and future plans.

iii. Focused Mission Growth—Members will hear about the Program’s goals to enhance the quality of the HSIN user experience while adding mission value through a feedback session with the group.

iv. HSIN Annual Assessment—Members are given an overview of the HSIN Annual Report process and partake in a short focus group session to assist in the development of partner-focused success stories illustrating HSIN’s role in fulfilling its mission to be the central provider of information sharing capabilities that allow for collaboration, situational awareness, and information exchange to fulfill our partner’s homeland security mission areas.

2. Recommendations Development

a. Mission Focused Outcomes—Members will partake in a session to ensure that HSIN’s operation and support is aligned with mission events, major incidents, and issues, assisting the HSIN Program with defining its mission based outcome measures.

3. Public Comment Period on Both Days

4. Closing Remarks

5. Adjournment of the Meeting

Dated: August 19, 2015.

Donna Roy,

Executive Director, Information Sharing Environment Office.

James Lanoue,

HSIN Program Director.

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