

F-1 Resources and References

Law and Regulations:

1. NAFSA: Association of International Educators:
http://www.nafsa.org/regulatory_information.sec
2. Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR): <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/>
3. ICE link to Regulations: Scroll down page to section on Resources/Policy/Regulations for 8 CFR 214.3 214.2 (F) Academic and Language Students, 8 CFR 214.2 (M) Vocational Students, 8 CFR 214.3 Petitions for Approval of Schools

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <http://www.uscis.gov>

USCIS is the agency responsible for processing requests for immigration benefits. You may obtain immigration forms here and look at the status of cases on-line.

1. Forms and Fees: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/>
2. Vermont Service Center, 75 Lower Weldon Street, St. Alban's VT 05479-0001, Student Customer Service Number 800-375-5238.
3. New York District Office, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278
4. National Customer Service Center: 800-375-5283

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: USICE oversees Sevis.

SEVP Home: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/indez.htm>

SEVIS Fee Information: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>

Department of State: <http://state.gov>

1. Bureau of Consular Affairs: <http://usembassy.state.gov> Click on link to Visas to find locations of U.S. Embassies and Consulates, steps for obtaining visas, visa wait-times at specific embassies and consulates, and other travel-related resources.
2. How to apply for a U.S visa: <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.gov/>, <http://educationusa.state.gov/>, and <http://travel.state.gov/>
3. To inquire about a specific visa application, call (202) 663-1225 or email usvisa@state.gov. To check on the status of a security clearance (allow at least six weeks for initial processing of a security clearance) pr pending visa application that have exceeded normal processing times call 202-663-1851.

Social Security Administration:

Information for international students about how to apply for a social security number can be found at: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/1081.html>

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

1. IRS Publications: Publication 15: (Circular E), Employers Tax Guide; Publication 519: U.S. Tax Guide for Aliens for use in preparing [Year] Returns; and Publication 901: U.S. Tax Treaties are available at <http://www.irs.gov/formsspubs/lists/O.,id=97819.html>
2. Tax Guidelines for Federal Filing (NAFSA):
http://www.nafsa.org/_document/_federal_tax_information.pdf
3. Geared toward students: <http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/>;
<http://www.internationaliststudent.com/tax/>

Financial Document Evaluation:

1. For currency conversion: OANDA, <http://www.oanda.com/convert/classic>
2. For information about per capita income: CIA World Factbook.
<http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook>

Law Firms:

Law firms are sources of information on immigration development and the law: Carl Shusterman: <http://www.shusterman.com> and Siskind, Susser, Haas & Devine: <http://www.visalaw.com>.
You may also subscribe to Immigration Daily at www.ilw.com without cost.