

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Public Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has submitted an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. Comments submitted during the first public review of this ICR will be provided to OMB. OMB will accept further comments from the public during the review and approval period.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than February 4, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, including the Information Collection Request Title, to the desk officer for HRSA, either by email to *OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov* or by fax to 202-395-5806.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, email the HRSA Information Collection Clearance

Officer at *paperwork@hrsa.gov* or call (301) 443-1984.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Information Collection Request Title:* HRSA Grantee Customer Satisfaction Survey OMB No. 0915-xxxx—NEW  
*Abstract:* The Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM) within HRSA plans to survey HRSA grant recipients to better understand their opinions about HRSA’s grants processes and to improve the way HRSA conducts business with them. This survey will focus on grantee customer satisfaction areas related to the grants life cycle, grantee relationships with HRSA staff (e.g., Project Officers), technical assistance received from HRSA bureaus and offices, availability of grant resources, and grantee access to guidance and instructional documents, etc. The ability to receive this information from external customers will provide HRSA with a repository of information, which will be incorporated into its strategic efforts to improve grants management services and customer service overall.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* The HRSA Grantee Customer Satisfaction Survey will provide meaningful and relevant results to agency decision makers about various customer satisfaction domains (e.g., efficiency, timeliness, usefulness, responsiveness, quality and overall satisfaction with HRSA project officers, products and services). The information collected will assist HRSA in its efforts to gauge, understand, and effectively respond to the needs and concerns of its

customers, especially as they relate to the aforementioned areas. The survey results will provide HRSA with concrete indicators regarding the best areas in which to dedicate time, energy, and resources to improve customer service. This information will be used to support agency-wide continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts. It will also be used by HRSA to improve the efficiency, quality, and timeliness of its grants business processes, as well as to strengthen its partnership with its external customers.

*Likely Respondents:* HRSA grantees, specifically individuals who hold positions as a grantee’s Grant Administrator, Business Officer, or Project Director/Principal Investigator, etc.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; to search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total responses	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
HRSA Grantee Customer Satisfaction Survey .....	3,000	1	3,000	0.42	1260
Total .....	3,000	1	3,000	0.42	1260

**Jackie Painter,**  
*Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**[DHS Docket No. ICEB-2013-0001]**

**RIN 1653-ZA07**

**Extension of Employment Authorization for Syrian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of Civil Unrest in Syria Since March 2011**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the extension of an earlier notice, which suspended certain requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Syria and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the civil unrest in Syria since March 2011. This notice extends the effective date of that notice.

**DATES:** This notice is effective January 5, 2015 and will remain in effect until September 30, 2016.

**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](mailto: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 Syria and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the civil unrest in Syria since March 2011. See 77 FR 20038 (April 3, 2012). The original notice was effective from April 3, 2012 until October 3, 2013. A subsequent notice provided for an 18-month extension from October 3, 2013 through March 31, 2015. See 78 FR 36211 (June 17, 2013). Effective with this publication, suspension of the employment limitations is extended for 18 months from March 31, 2015 until September 30, 2016.

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 77 FR 20038. 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 Syria and who were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on April 3, 2012, under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i); and 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 civil unrest in Syria since March 2011.

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 at 77 FR 20040, available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-03/pdf/2012-7960.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 Syria and who experienced severe economic hardship because of the civil unrest in Syria since March 2011. See 77 FR 20038 (April 3, 2012). It 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.

Syria continues to experience civil unrest, with many people still displaced as a result. The United Nations reported in late September 2014 that approximately 6.4 million Syrians are internally displaced. A number of violent extremist groups have factored prominently in the conflict and pose a danger to civilians. In early 2014, the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) emerged as one of the most significant radical Islamist fighting forces. The al-Nusra Front (also known as the Jabhat al Nusra) represents the interests of al-Qaeda in Syria. These Jihadist groups have engaged in indiscriminate attacks including bombings and suicide attacks throughout Syria. Various other radical Islamist organizations have been actively engaged in armed resistance in Syria. Furthermore, economic sanctions imposed by the international community have negatively affected the whole of the Syrian economy. Given conditions in Syria, affected students whose primary means of financial support comes from Syria may need to be exempt from the normal student employment requirements to be able to continue their studies in the United States and meet basic living expenses.

The United States is committed to continuing to assist the people of Syria. DHS is therefore extending this employment authorization for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Syria and who are continuing to experience severe

economic hardship as a result of the civil unrest since March 2011.

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

F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Syria who were lawfully present in the United States on April 3, 2012, and are experiencing severe economic hardship because of the civil unrest may apply for employment authorization under the guidelines described in 77 FR 20038. This notice extends the time period during which such F-1 students may seek employment authorization due to the civil unrest. 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****Office of the Secretary**

[Docket No. DHS-2014-0076]

**Privacy Act of 1974; Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration—DHS/TSA-019 Secure Flight Records System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Privacy Office, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice Privacy Act System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Department of Homeland Security proposes to update and reissue a current Department of Homeland Security system of records titled, "Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration—DHS/TSA-019 Secure Flight Records System of Records." This system of records allows the Department of Homeland Security/Transportation Security Administration to collect and maintain records on aviation passengers and certain non-travelers to screen such individuals before they access airport sterile areas or board aircraft, in order to identify and prevent a threat to aviation security or to the lives of passengers and others. TSA is reissuing this system of records to update the categories of records to include records containing risk-based assessments generated by