



USAID/EGAT/ED, Participant Training Team

## TraiNet/VCS Newsletter

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### NEWS

## Changes to SEVIS

From the [SEVIS helpdesk](#): "Several automatic actions that are built into SEVIS programming will be activated on Thursday, February 5, 2004. These automatic actions had already been programmed into the F, M, and J SEVIS applications, but until now, they had been suspended by DHS and DOS to give schools and programs time to adjust to SEVIS. Among these are functions that will automatically cancel or terminate SEVIS records where the individual has not been properly registered (F/M) or validated (J) in SEVIS."

From this point on, it is most important that updates to information for US participants are promptly made in TraiNet, verified and approved so that SEVIS can be kept up to date. Failure to do this could severely impact a participant's program or the Agency's ability to conduct U.S. training. For instance, participants must be immediately validated at the start of their training program or SEVIS will assume that they entered the U.S. but did not report to the site of training. This could result in legal action against the participant.

TraiNet operators, please continue to make timely updates to your data. Verifiers and Approvers, please continue to closely monitor your VCS queues for items that need attention and act in a timely fashion.

## VCS Rules of Behavior

Beginning in early February, all users of the VCS will be required to annually read and agree to abide by a set of rules of behavior. The objective of this is to ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities and expected behavior to protect the resources in the VCs. Once each year, when you log in to the VCS you will be shown a screen that outlines the system's rules of behavior. You must agree to abide by these rules to continue to use the VCS.

### HINTS & TIPS

**Verifiers & Approvers:** You don't have to wait for email from the VCS to log in and check for a participant you are expecting to see.

**TraiNet Operators:** VCS now reads the category and matriculation level fields from the TraiNet visa wizard. Please make sure you choose these correctly.

## Site Disclosure

Also beginning in early February, when you log into the VCS you will see a new Site Disclosure statement explaining that the VCS is an official USAID system and that unauthorized use is prohibited.

## TraiNet on the Web

In response to issues raised by a growing part of the TraiNet user community, work to port TraiNet to the web has started. There will be two phases to the project. The first will focus on providing a web interface for information needed by the VCS and for US training. The parts of TraiNet used for in-country and third country training and reporting are planned for the second phase of development.

As always, please contact the Helpdesk ([jvisa@devis.com](mailto:jvisa@devis.com)) or me, Chris Kagy, ([ckagy@devis.com](mailto:ckagy@devis.com)) with any questions, comments or concerns.

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