



Use of Electronically-Signed and Delivered I-20s

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To Whom It May Concern:

According to ICE's August 7, 2020 "*Frequently Asked Questions for SEVP Stakeholders about COVID-19*", designated school officials may electronically send Form I-20 to students using the following methods:

- Email a scanned version of the physically signed Form I-20;
- Email a digitally signed Form I-20 using electronic signature software; or
- Email a digitally signed Form I-20 that contains a digitally reproduced copy of a physical signature

Form I-20 issued electronically or with an electronic signature – as permitted during the COVID-19 emergency – will remain valid until students have a need for an updated Form I-20. An electronic or digital travel signature will be valid for the same duration as an ink signature (12 months for F students).

SEVP coordinated with both the Department of State and CBP regarding the policy to allow electronic issuance and signing of Form I-20 for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Both agencies are in support of this action.

Sincerely,

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