



Hello Student,

We are writing with an important update regarding the Department of Homeland Security final rule that was scheduled to end Duration of Status for F-1 and J-1 students beginning September 15, 2026.

On September 14, a federal judge issued a **preliminary injunction blocking implementation of the final rule**. As a result, the rule will **not take effect on September 15 as originally scheduled**, and the existing Duration of Status framework remains in place for now.

What does this mean for you?

At this time:

- F-1 and J-1 students will continue to be admitted under the existing Duration of Status framework, when applicable.
- Students currently admitted for **D/S** do not need to take action because of the previously scheduled September 15 effective date.
- The new fixed Admit Until Date requirements are not taking effect at this time.
- The new Extension of Stay procedures associated with the final rule are not taking effect at this time.

- The new academic mobility restrictions associated with the final rule, including its restrictions on certain major, educational level, and school changes, are not taking effect at this time.

You should continue following the **existing F-1 or J-1 requirements** that applied before the final rule was scheduled to take effect. This includes maintaining required enrollment, following existing employment authorization requirements, reporting required changes, and contacting ISSS before making changes that may affect your immigration status.

What happens next?

The court issued a **preliminary injunction**, which means the final rule has been blocked while the litigation continues. This is not necessarily the end of the legal process, and additional court action could affect the rule in the future.

For that reason, ISSS will continue monitoring developments closely. If there is another change that affects F-1 or J-1 students, we will provide updated guidance as soon as possible.

What ISSS is doing

ISSS is continuing to:

- monitor federal and CSU guidance;
- review student records and upcoming immigration timelines;
- coordinate with Academic Advising, Graduate Studies, the Registrar, academic departments, Athletics, and other campus partners;
- update our processes and student guidance; and
- contact students individually when we identify an issue that may require action.

You can access the Immigration Updates Webpage for an overview of changes:

[**Duration of Status Final Rule Webpage**](#)

Please also access your Coyote International Portal as that will reflect your most up to date immigration status, and will allow you to submit requests to ISSS:

[**Coyote International Portal**](#)

In the link below, we have also attached a flyer from the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) that provides a general overview of the final rule and the changes it would have made. Please note that the flyer was last updated on August 12, 2026, before the September 14 preliminary injunction. It is being shared for informational purposes only and should be read together with this updated message.

[**AILA Flyer on DS Changes**](#)

For now, **no action is required solely because of the September 15 date.**

Please continue monitoring your CSUSB email for updates from ISSS.

Sincerely,

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