

Impact of Proposed Rule to Eliminate D/S

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Current Situation

- **Students in F-1 status are admitted with D/S (“Duration of Status”). Students may remain lawfully in the US as long their I-20s are valid.**
- **There is no set limit on how long the student may be admitted into the US.**
- **UCR can easily and quickly extend a student’s I-20 (F-1 status) if more time is needed to complete an academic program. Dependent status (F-2) is automatically extended with the F-1 status.**
- **Students have a 60-day Grace Period after completion of their academic program or employment authorization (OPT).**

Changes if D/S is Eliminated

- Students in F-1 status will be admitted for the length of the academic program not to exceed four years.
- Students from State Sponsor of Terrorism List and students from countries with an overstay rate greater than 10% will be admitted for a maximum of two years.
- Students attending schools not fully participating in E-Verify will be admitted for a maximum of two years. UC does not fully participate in E-Verify.
- Program extensions will be approved by USCIS. Extensions for F-2 dependents are not automatically granted when the F-1 extension is approved and must be applied for separately.
- Students applying for OPT will also have to apply for an extension.
- Grace Period is shortened to 30 days.



Concerns

- **UCR students will need to apply for extensions every two years.**
 - **Application fees.**
 - **Lengthy processing times.**
 - **Uncertainty about supporting documentation wanted by USCIS.**
 - **Higher risk of denial.**
- **UCR students may not be allowed to remain in US to complete academic program if extension is denied.**
- **Studying in the US will become more complicated and expensive for students.**

Ongoing university efforts and resources

- UCOP working on comments. Some universities ask faculty to provide comments directly. After consultations, we do not see benefits of individual comments. UCOP issued a letter to DHS.
- Proposed Rule: https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=DHS_FRDOC_0001-1933
- ACE Summary and Talking Points: <https://www.acenet.edu/Documents/Summary-Talking-Points-DS-proposed-rule.pdf>
- NAFSA Resources: <https://www.nafsa.org/professional-resources/browse-by-interest/proposal-replace-duration-status>

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