

Domestic Revalidation of Student Visas



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We urge Congress to sponsor and pass legislation that would allow domestic revalidation of Type F student visas.

Benefits of Domestic Revalidation Include:

Positive Economic Impact

- According to NAFSA, in the 2013-2014 academic year, foreign students and their families accounted for a net economic contribution of nearly \$27 billion. [2]

Decreased Bureaucracy

- Providing F visa holders with the option of domestic revalidation has the potential to drastically reduce the workload on U.S. consulates and to prevent unnecessary travel by these visa holders and their families.

Security

- Additional resources, available domestically, allow visas to be revalidated more securely than when renewed in other countries.
- The experience and expertise of domestic State Department and Department of Homeland Security officials provides for greater security throughout the visa revalidation process.

Saves Time and Money for International Students

- Allowing domestic renewal of F visas would circumvent the unnecessary time and financial burden currently required for students to revalidate their academic student visas.
- Spending time and money to travel back to their home country is an undue hardship which international students are currently enduring during their academic careers. [3]

Promotes the Progress of Federally Funded Research

- Currently international students funded by federal research dollars are hindered from representing high caliber US research on the international stage. [3]

**Over
560,000**
international students
are currently impacted.[1]

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NAGPS Proposed Language: Domestic Revalidation of Student Visas

<http://nagps.org/proposed-language-domestic-revalidation-of-student-visas/>