

AM360 User Guide

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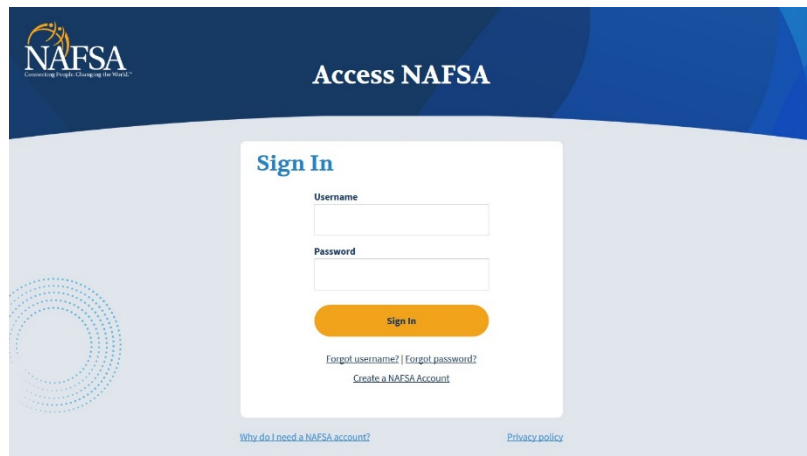
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Getting Started

Welcome to the NAFSA Adviser's Manual 360! To get started, go to the NAFSA website at www.nafsa.org, and click the Log In link in the upper right corner of the page. On the log in page that displays, enter your regular NAFSA username and password. This is a single sign-on that logs you in to everything on the NAFSA site that requires a log-in, including the Adviser's Manual.



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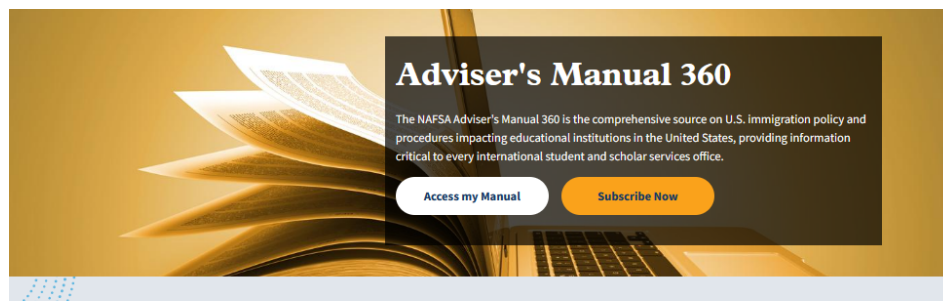


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Opening the Manual

You can open the Manual in several different ways. Choose the way that works best for you!

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Click the **Access my Manual** button on the Adviser's Manual home page on the NAFSA website. If you are already logged in to the NAFSA website, the Manual will open in a new window or tab. If you are not logged in when you click the button, you will first be taken to the log in page, and then your browser will be redirected to open the Manual.

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browser will be redirected to the opened Manual. The first page to open will be your Adviser's Manual 360 Dashboard.

Make it yours: Setting your Adviser's Manual Dashboard

When you first open the Manual, it will open to your Adviser's Manual Dashboard. The AM360 Table of Contents displays in the left rail of the page, allowing you to click on a topic of interest and get to that content fast. You can also toggle the TOC on and off.

The screenshot shows the NAFSA Adviser's Manual 360 Dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Dashboard', 'NAFSA Home', 'Network NAFSA', 'News/Updates', 'Bookmarks/History', and 'My Account'. Below this is a search bar labeled 'Search The Manual' and a dropdown menu for 'All Chapters'. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a table of contents with 15 chapters, including '1 About The Adviser's Manual', '2 The U.S. Immigration System', '3 F-1 Students', '4 J-1 Exchange Visitors', '5 M-1 Students', '6 SEVIS Systems', '7 H-1B Workers', '8 NPWC Prevailing Wage Determinations', '9 O-1 and TN Workers', '10 Visitors', '11 Nonimmigrants', '12 PERM Labor Certs', '13 Permanent Residence', '14 Other Categories', and '15 Institutional Topics'. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Welcome to the NAFSA Adviser's Manual 360' and 'Your definitive resource for higher education immigration information'. Below the banner is a section titled 'The NAFSA Adviser's Manual presents detailed information on procedures for the U.S. immigration categories that campus-based advisers of international students and scholars most frequently encounter.' and a link to 'Learn more about the manual'. To the right of the banner is a section titled 'AM News' with three news items: 'AUG 31 DOL Speaks About Plans for Integrating PERM into FLAG', 'AUG 25 DOS Announces Forthcoming Special Student Relief for Ukrainian J-1 Students', and 'JUL 29 USCIS Posts Overviews of STEM Pathways in the US Immigration System'. Below the news is a 'View More' link. Further down is a 'My Info' section showing 'David Fosnocht', 'Adviser's Manual Subscriber', and 'expires January 31, 2020', with a 'Customize your dashboard' button. At the bottom of the dashboard are three sections: 'Content Updates' with a table of updates, 'Recently Accessed' with a table of recently viewed content, and 'Notes from the Editor' with a list of editorial notes. A 'View More' link is located at the bottom right of the dashboard area.

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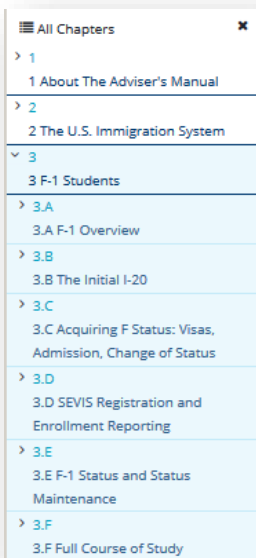
Under the **My Account** link at the top of every page, you can also find information regarding your Adviser's Manual license, like when it expires and subscribing to monthly content update emails.

Navigating and Searching the Manual

Several tools help you find information in the Manual:

- Table of Contents (see page 7)
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- Internal Cross-References (see page 9)
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An **expanding Table of Contents** lets you browse the Manual by Chapter and Section. Click on the arrow sign to expand a Chapter or Section's table of contents. Click on the arrow again to collapse the chapter or section's table of contents.

Adviser's Manual Chapters present detailed information on procedures for the immigration categories that advisers most frequently encounter, as well as information on laws, procedures, and concepts that affect all immigration categories.

After you find the section you are looking for, click on it to go directly to that section. A status line will appear to the left of the section you have navigated to.

The Adviser's Manual is organized into numbered chapters and sections to enable precise interconnectivity and cross-referencing. The Manual numbers individual sections in decimal outline format, to 6 outline levels. These sections are indicated by a particular heading style, with the number appearing to the left of the section title, the first number being the chapter, the second number being the part, and the subsequent numbers being the sections and subsections within that chapter and part.

The Adviser's Manual paragraph number system example:

Chapter Level: Chapter 1

Part Level: Part A (contains several related sections)

Section Level: Section 1.A.1 (contains a single major topic)

Subsection Levels: 1.A.1.1 (subsections contain increasing layers of detail on the topic of the level before it)

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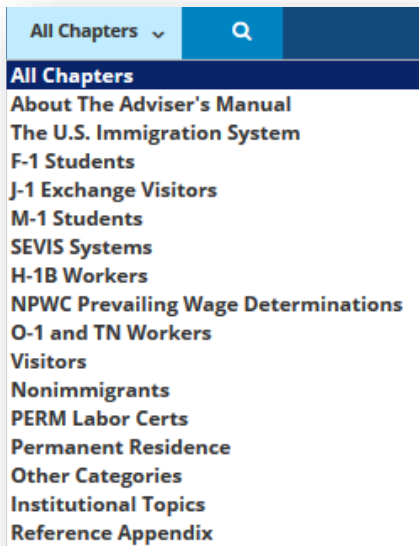
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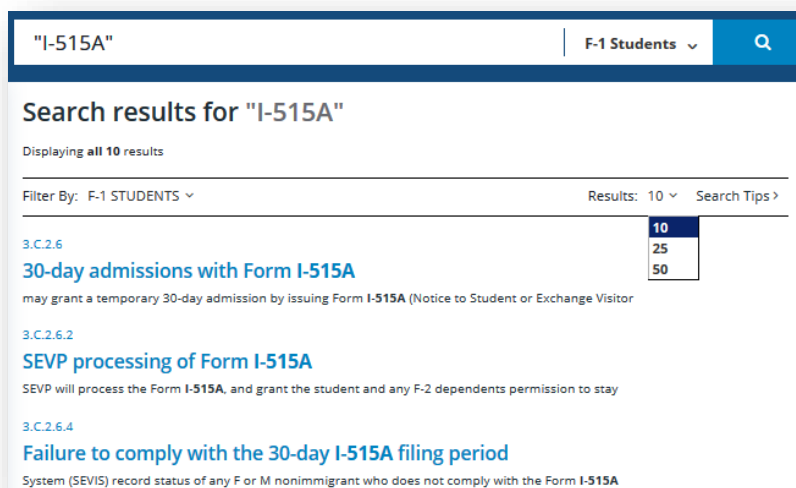
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Putting more than one word in the basic search box will yield an "and" search. For example, putting the words **practical** next to the word **training** in the box will result in a yield of sections that contain both the word practical *and* training, in addition to the term *practical training*. To limit the search to a specific phrase, simply put quotes around the phrase; for example, put in "**practical training**" if you are interested in that term only. Hit your **Enter** key to execute the search.

You can also choose to filter your search to a specific Chapter in the Manual, by selecting the Chapter to filter through in the "All Chapters" dropdown menu in the search box.

Your search results will display with hyperlinks to the section in which your search term has been found. On that page, you can also choose how many results to display (the default is 15, but you can go up to 50 per page) and access some helpful search tips.



"I-515A" | F-1 Students ▾ 🔍

Search results for "I-515A"

Displaying **all 10** results

Filter By: F-1 STUDENTS ▾ Results: 10 ▾ Search Tips >

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3.C.2.6 [30-day admissions with Form I-515A](#)
may grant a temporary 30-day admission by issuing Form I-515A (Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor)

3.C.2.6.2 [SEVP processing of Form I-515A](#)
SEVP will process the Form I-515A, and grant the student and any F-2 dependents permission to stay

3.C.2.6.4 [Failure to comply with the 30-day I-515A filing period](#)
System (SEVIS) record status of any F or M nonimmigrant who does not comply with the Form I-515A

Internal Cross-References

When you are on a page in the Manual, you might see internal cross-references, which when clicked will take you to related material elsewhere in the Manual.

 **AM Cross Reference**
See [6 SEVIS Systems](#)

Citations and links to sources of authority

An adviser should always look to the language of the law itself as the primary guiding principle in interpretation and application of the law. All information that is based on law or an official government interpretation is followed by a citation to the actual source, in a special citation format immediately following the relevant sentence or paragraph:

The regulations also permit an applicant to apply for a visa at any other consular jurisdiction in which he or she is physically present, but only if that consular office has agreed to process visa applications from "third country nationals" (TCNs).

↑ 22 CFR 41.101(a)(1)(ii)

When material in the Manual is based on specific provisions of law or government interpretation, the source of authority is **cited** and **hyperlinked** to encourage advisers to review the primary source. This will help advisers exercise their discretion to interpret the law directly and assist advisers who need to cite to relevant authority to back up their decisions.

When a specific section of law or other authority is of such importance that it should be contained in the text of the Adviser's Manual itself, it is indicated as an authority cite extract that appears in this format:

Authority Cite [INA 101\(a\)\(15\)\(F\)](#)

(F)(i) an alien having a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning, who is a bona fide student qualified to pursue a full course of study and who seeks to enter the United States temporarily and solely for the purpose of pursuing such a course of study consistent with section 214(m) at an established college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institution or in an accredited language training program in the United States, particularly designated by him and approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Secretary of Education, which institution or place of study shall have agreed to report to the Attorney General the termination of attendance of each nonimmigrant student, and if any such institution of learning or place of study fails to make reports promptly the approval shall be withdrawn,

(ii) the alien spouse and minor children of any alien described in clause (i) if accompanying or following to join such an alien, and

(iii) an alien who is a national of Canada or Mexico, who maintains actual residence and place of abode in the country of nationality, who is described in clause (i) except that the alien's qualifications for and actual course of study may be full or part-time, and who commutes to the United States institution or place of study from Canada or Mexico;

Practice Notes

Practice Notes pull the reader aside to discuss practice-related questions that might come up in the context of the section that they are reading about. Usually, they contain a brief discussion of a "gray area" or of issues that are not addressed directly in the regulations, but are important to consider.

Quick-reference table: determining actual wage rate

- When there are employees with similar experience, education and job responsibilities, the actual wage is the rate paid to these other employees; this can be expressed as a range.
- When there are no other similarly situated employees, actual wage is the salary offered to the H-1B employee.

Practice Note

Determining the actual wage rate when there is no set salary grade scale. Determining the actual wage for faculty and researchers is often not as clear-cut as it is for staff employees. Human Resources offices typically have established wage or grade scales for most staff positions. Faculty and research positions, on the other hand, might not have official grade ranges. Salaries for faculty and researchers may be contingent upon many variables, including degree, publications, experience, professional recognition, etc. Faculty and research actual wage ranges can be determined by comparing the salaries offered to people with similar experience and qualifications and responsibilities. Identifying the factors that determine who gets paid more or less will be necessary in order to articulate the employer's wage system in documenting the actual wage rate.

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[Determining the actual wage rate when there is no set salary grade scale](#)

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The "On This Page" Rail

On the right rail of every Adviser's Manual page, you will see an "On This Page" icon that can be expanded to show what kind of information is found on the page. Since pages in the Manual can sometimes be quite long, this feature allows you to quickly see if any of the following types of resources are found on the page you are on. You can toggle the "On this Page" rail on and off, too.

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- Any user notes your group has placed on the page
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- Authority cites
- Cross-references to other parts of the Manual
- Links to any Collegial Conversations, E-Learning Seminars, Government Connections, and any related discussions on Network NAFSA that the Manual editors have added to the page.

Make It Yours: Customized User Features

Customize your NAFSA Adviser's Manual with features that allow you to use it the way you want.

Make it yours: Bookmarks

The bookmark feature allows you to bookmark any chapter, section, or subsection so that you can quickly find it in the future. Simply click the "bookmark" icon under the section heading you want to bookmark.



When you do, three things will happen:

1. The bookmark icon will change from white to black, to indicate that the section's been bookmarked.
2. If you selected the Bookmarks widget Dashboard customization, you will also see your most recent three bookmarks at the foot of your Dashboard. Click on the "View More" link to go to your Bookmark listing on the Bookmarks/History page.

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3. The bookmark will appear in your list of bookmarked sections on your Bookmarks/History page, which you can access either through the "View More" link in your Bookmarks widget or by clicking the Bookmarks/History link in the top navigation menu.

Bookmarks & History

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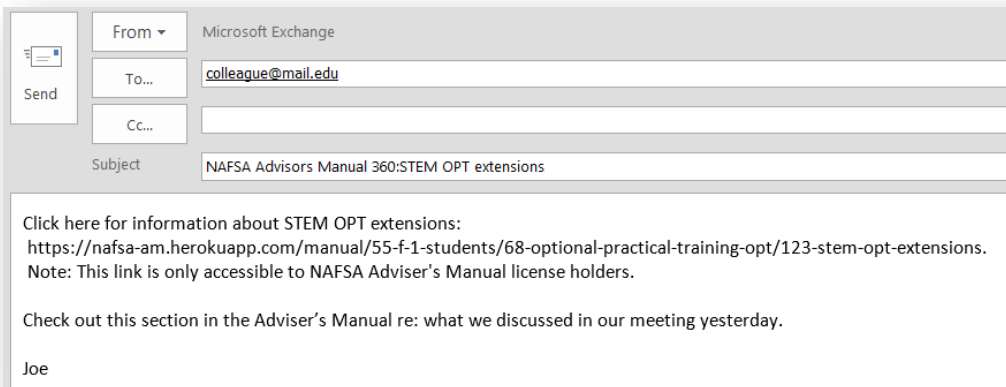
3 F-1 Students	✕ remove
An F-1 student is a nonimmigrant who is pursuing a "full course of study" to achieve a specific...	
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F-1 students approved for standard post-completion optional practical training based on a...	
7.J Acquiring and Extending H-1B Status	✕ remove
This part discusses: H-1B fees Preparing and filing Form I-129, and Supplements to Form I-129...	

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To colleague@mail.edu

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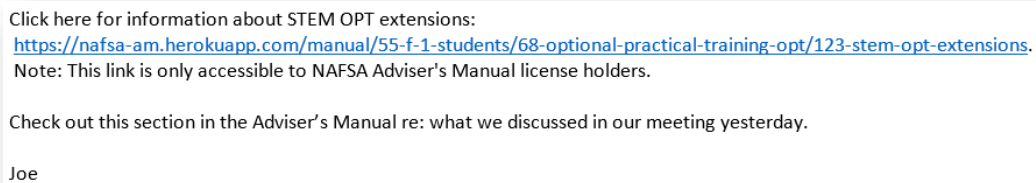
Subject NAFSA Advisors Manual 360:STEM OPT extensions

Click here for information about STEM OPT extensions:
<https://nafsa-am.herokuapp.com/manual/55-f-1-students/68-optional-practical-training-opt/123-stem-opt-extensions>.
Note: This link is only accessible to NAFSA Adviser's Manual license holders.

Check out this section in the Adviser's Manual re: what we discussed in our meeting yesterday.

Joe

The e-mail received by the parties to whom you send it will include a direct link to the section. Remember, though, that the link can be opened only by someone with an active Adviser's Manual license. Here is how the above e-mail will look to the party who receives it:



Click here for information about STEM OPT extensions:
<https://nafsa-am.herokuapp.com/manual/55-f-1-students/68-optional-practical-training-opt/123-stem-opt-extensions>.
Note: This link is only accessible to NAFSA Adviser's Manual license holders.

Check out this section in the Adviser's Manual re: what we discussed in our meeting yesterday.

Joe

Make it yours: Printing sections of the Manual

You can use the Print function to print a nicely formatted version of a Part or Section of the Manual for your personal use. The print function allows you to print at the Part and Section levels only (e.g., Part 3.B or section 3.B.2). When you print the part or section, all subsections under it will also print. It is not possible to print at the book, chapter, or subsection levels. To print a section, click the "print" icon beneath the title of the section page you want to print. The printer icon will appear only at the Part and Section levels.

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Acquiring F Status: Visas, Admission, Change of Status

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Your selection will be rendered in a preformatted printable HTML page for you to print to your own printer. If you do not need to print an entire section, consider copying and pasting the limited amount you do need.

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3.C

Acquiring F Status: Visas, Admission, Change of Status

This part discusses:

- F-1 visa processing at a U.S. consular office
- Admission to the United States in F-1 Status
- Change to F-1 status in the United States

The I-20 is only a "certificate of eligibility" for F-1 status in one of two ways:

1. Use the I-20 to obtain an F-1 visa at a U.S. consular office. This is not required if exempt from the visa requirement.
2. Use the I-20 to apply to USCIS for a change of status.

If a student does not use the I-20 in one of these ways:

- **Flow of the F-1 Student Process**

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graph TD
    A[Student sends written application for admission to school] --> B[School reviews for academic admissibility, English ability, and financial ability]
    B --> C[Student pays SEVIS I-901 fee]
    C --> D[Form I-20 delivered to student]
    D --> E[Student uses Form I-20 to apply for F-1 visa]
    D --> F[Student uses Form I-20 to apply to USCIS for change of status within the U.S.]
    E --> G[Student admitted to U.S. in F-1 status]
    F --> G
    G --> H[If student enters with school's I-20 but fails to report, school reports 'no show' to SEVIS within 30 days of program start date; school complies with reporting requirements throughout student's stay.]
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Make it yours: Group Notes

You can contribute to and edit **Group User Notes**, which are shared by all Adviser's Manual license holders in your office. To create a note, click the "Add Note" icon under the section in which you wish to add the note.



After clicking the "Add Note" icon, you will be taken to a *note box* that appears under the section heading. Type in your note then click the "Add Note" button to add your group note to that section.

O-1 and TN Workers



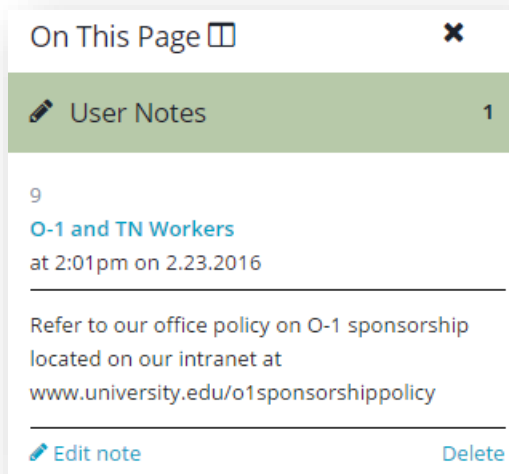
Refer to our office policy on O-1 sponsorship located on our intranet at www.university.edu/o1sponsorshippolicy

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Add note

Once you add a note, three things happen:

1. Since these are group notes, all Adviser Manual license holders sharing the same Organizational ID in the NAFSA database will be able to view and edit the note.
2. The note will be picked up in the "On This Page" drop-down menu in the right rail of the page



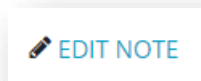
3. The label of the note icon under the section where the note resides will change from "Add Note" to "Edit Note."

You can edit or delete your note from its location in the User Notes section of the On This Page rail, or by clicking on the Edit Note icon under the subsection title where the note was placed.

Some "notes" on the use of Notes

User Notes stay with the organization ID in your NAFSA record. If you change institutions, you will no longer be able to see the Group Notes from your prior institution, but you will be able to see the group notes of your new institution for as long as you maintain an active Adviser's Manual license.

A "Group" consists of all individuals with Adviser's Manual licenses who share the same organizational ID in the NAFSA database. Often, the organizational ID is the cost center under which NAFSA memberships are organized. That being the case, a single institution might have more than one organizational ID. For example, an institution might have one organizational ID for the study abroad office, and another organizational ID for the international student and scholar office.



If you are the only person with an Adviser's Manual license at your institution, then you are a "group" of one!

Group Notes can be created, edited, and deleted by any member of the group. An office that shares Group Notes will probably want to develop a protocol for how Group Notes should be maintained. For example, it would be good practice to avoid entering personally identifiable information about a student or scholar, or any other information that might be protected by FERPA or other privacy rules or policies.

Keeping Up-To-Date

You can keep up to date with regulatory change by:

- Content Updates. Take advantage of the Adviser's Manual system for notifying you about changes to Adviser's Manual content.
- Notes from the Editor. Viewing Messages from the Adviser's Manual Editors that are placed in sections of the Manual.
- Adviser's Manual News Feed.

Content Updates

Significant changes to Manual content are flagged for users as “Content Updates.” A content update will contain a brief description of the content change, and a link to the section that has changed. You will be made aware of content updates in a couple of ways:

Content Updates

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[16.C.11 Appendix A to the Preamble - Professional Recruitment Occupations](#)
A revised Appendix A to the Preamble that incorporates 2018 SOC codes is effective on July 1, 2022.

Notes from the Editor

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Notes from the Editor

- [DOS Announces Forthcoming Special Student Relief for Ukrainian J-1 Students.](#)
- [In a July 15, 2022 notice, USCIS announced additional expansion of premium processing for two types of I-140 petitions that are otherwise ineligible for premium processing.](#)
- [Effective October 1, 2022, VWP visitors seeking admission through a land port of entry will need advance ESTA authorization, instead of filling out a paper I-94W.](#)

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Notes from the Editor

Thursday, August 25, 2022

4.H.5.3.2 Special Student Relief for J-1 students

In an August 24, 2022 email, the Department of State (DOS) informed Exchange Visitor Program sponsors that it will soon issue a Federal Register notice describing the details of Special Student Relief (SSR) arrangements for eligible Ukrainian J-1 college and university students. NAFSA confirmed with DOS that sponsors must wait until the Federal Register notice is published before approving Special Student Relief benefits for eligible J-1 students. It is hoped that the Federal Register notice will be published in the next two or three weeks. Refer to NAFSA's [Special Student Relief for Ukrainian J-1 Students](#) page for updates and details.

Saturday, July 16, 2022

16.A.5 USCIS's Premium Processing option

In a [July 15, 2022 notice](#), USCIS announced that it will begin a second implementation phase for the following already-filed multinational executive and manager I-140 petitions, to upgrade them to premium processing:

- Beginning August 1, 2022, USCIS will accept Form I-907 requests for E13 multinational executive and manager petitions received on or before July 1, 2021.
- Beginning August 1, 2022, USCIS will accept Form I-907 requests for E21 NIW petitions received on or before August 1, 2021.

USCIS will reject premium processing requests for E13 multinational executive and manager and E21 NIW petitions that are filed outside the specified date conditions, until USCIS announces additional implementation schedules.

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Friday, July 29, 2022

[USCIS Posts Overviews of STEM Pathways in the US Immigration System](#)

In a July 28, 2022 news alert, USCIS announced that it "has published additional online resources on uscis.gov to provide an overview of some of the temporary and permanent pathways for noncitizens to work in the United States in the fields of sci..."

Buying User Licenses

There are two convenient ways to buy an AM360 license:

Pay By Credit Card Online

Individuals can make an online payment for their own license by logging in to the NAFSA website using their NAFSA user name and password, and navigating to:

<https://shop.nafsa.org/subscription.aspx?id=AM360>.

Pay By Check

If you must pay by institutional check, mail your check **with the renewal invoice** to:

NAFSA Adviser's Manual
P.O. Box 79159
Baltimore, MD 21279-0159

(note: check orders will take longer to process)

Managing AM360 Licenses Through an AM360 Roster. Online payments may also be made on behalf of others by designated AM360 Roster Managers, at <https://account.nafsa.org/am360>.

You or someone else at your institution can be designated as a Roster Manager, to directly manage licenses for their institution online, on a special roster management page. As a Roster Manager you can:

- See who at your institution has an Adviser's Manual license and when it expires
- Purchase a license on behalf of someone else in your office or at your institution
- Transfer licenses from one individual to another at your office or institution
- Renew licenses for yourself and others at your institution when they are up for renewal

Some offices may prefer that an administrative professional in their office be the roster manager if that better aligns with their office's financial and management workflow. The roster manager does not need to have an Adviser's Manual license (but certainly may purchase a license if they want to use the Manual as well).

For more information, read the AM360 Roster Manager User Guide at:

<https://www.nafsa.org/regulatory-information/advisers-manual-360-roster-manager-guide>

Some AM360 License FAQs

How much does an AM license cost?

Each Adviser's Manual 360 license costs: Member price = \$ 305; Nonmember price = \$ 435

How long is a license valid?

Rolling License Validity Period. Just like NAFSA membership, the Adviser's Manual operates on a rolling one-year license validity period. Each license holder has an expiration date keyed to the date of purchase of their license. Renewal notifications are also done on a rolling basis. 3 months prior to the expiration of the license, both the individual and the roster manager (if your organization has one) receive an email notification that it's time to renew that license. Roster managers will be notified of every license expiring in that time period.

Adviser's Manual 360 licenses are valid until the end of the month, one year from the date of purchase. So, if you buy a license on September 5, 2022, that license would be valid until September 30, 2023. If you renew a license before it expires, the license will be renewed until one year beyond its current expiration date. If a roster manager adds a new license, the new license will be valid for one year from its current expiration date.

Can I get an AM 360 license if I'm not a NAFSA member?

Yes! But NAFSA members get a deep discount. The nonmember price for an AM 360 license is \$435 for each license. The member price is \$305, about a 30% discount off the nonmember price.

How is the member-nonmember pricing determined?

The price of the annual AM360 license is based on the NAFSA membership status of the license recipient at the time of the transaction. For example:

Purchase Scenario	Cost
You are a NAFSA member buying an Adviser's Manual license for yourself.	\$ 305. You will pay the NAFSA member price for the license you buy for yourself.
You are a nonmember buying an Adviser's Manual license for yourself.	\$ 435. You will pay the nonmember price for the license you buy for yourself.
You are a NAFSA member buying three licenses: one for yourself, one for another NAFSA member at your organization, and another for a nonmember at your organization.	\$ 1045 total. \$ 305 for your license, \$ 305 for the other NAFSA member's license, and \$ 435 for the nonmember's license.
You are a nonmember roster manager buying three licenses for three individuals other than yourself, all of whom are NAFSA members.	\$ 915 total. \$ 305 x 3 at the member rate.

How do AM 360 license renewals work?

Individual license holders will receive a series of three reminder emails with links to renew their manual online. Roster managers will also receive a series of three reminder emails inviting them to visit their roster to take action to renew eligible licenses.

Can I obtain a paper renewal invoice if my institution requires one to process a payment?

Yes. After receiving your renewal reminder email, you may print out a renewal invoice from a link that will appear on your My NAFSA page. You can always [contact the AM360 staff](#) if you have questions about your desired renewals.

More AM 360 License FAQs are at: <https://www.nafsa.org/regulatory-information/am-360-license-faq>

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