



DHS Announcement of Proposed Rule Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure to Replace Duration of Status (D/S) 9/25/2020

On September 25, the Department of Homeland Security published a [proposed rule to eliminate duration of status \(D/S\)](#) for F-1, J-1 students, scholars, and their dependents. Rutgers Global is aware that the proposed rule could impact international students, scholars, and the university in many negative ways, adding stress, uncertainty, complications, and expense at various levels. We and others in the Rutgers administration are closely monitoring the situation and will communicate with you as more information becomes available.

Please note that these rule changes are still only proposed changes. They are not currently in effect and at this time we cannot provide any advice or further information on the timeline for implementation (if at all) or the potential impact of the rule. We are currently in a 30-day public comment period, and during this time, colleges, universities, professional associations, and individuals can submit their comments about the rule. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is required to read and consider all comments before publishing a final rule.

We are working with our governmental affairs office, professional organizations, and colleagues at other universities across the country to oppose this proposed rule. The university will submit official comments advocating for our international students and for international education at Rutgers - highlighting the disruptive impact the rule will have on Rutgers international students and the university's ability to attract talented international students and scholars.

If you would like to voice your concerns about this rule, we encourage you to [submit your comments to the federal government](#). The comment period is open until October 26 at 11:59 PM ET.

[Highlights of the proposed rule from the Rutgers Global - International Student and Scholar Services Office](#)

For more information and news about the proposed rule, visit the following external websites:

- Article about the rule in [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#)

- Summary of the rule from [The Association of International Educators \(NAFSA\)](#)
- The [international student section](#) of the Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration where we expect more information to be posted

I would like to assure you that we stand resolutely with our international students and in opposition to these changes. As further developments about this topic emerge, we will share them with you. Please check the [Rutgers Global website](#) alerts page periodically for updates.

Best wishes,

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