

## #17-123 Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

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- Runs under the government's executive branch
- Began operations in 2003, enacted in response to the 9/11 tragedy
- Third-largest Cabinet department
- Made up of 22 different federal departments and agencies
- Administers SEVIS

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### What do they do?

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The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)'s responsibilities include administration and enforcement of immigration and trade laws, US customs and border protection, cybersecurity, stopping terrorism and homeland security threats, and more.

- Issue Form I-94
- Certify nonimmigrant status
- Collect/monitor J/F/M visa holders during their stay in the US through SEVIS

DHS oversees SEVIS, a web-based system that the DHS uses to collect and maintain information regarding nonimmigrant students and exchange visitors, State Department-designated sponsors, and SEVP-certified schools. For more, click [HERE](#).

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