Reinstatement Application

Failure to maintain status is grounds for removal from the United States under I.N.A 237 (a)(1)(c)(i). If you have failed to maintain your status, you may be able to remain in the United States and apply for reinstatement of your student status through USCIS. This process can take 6-12 months to receive a decision. If you have violated your status due to unauthorized employment or more than 5 months have passed since the date of the status violation, you are not eligible for reinstatement. If your reinstatement is denied, your current visa will be automatically cancelled, you would be permanently limited to applying for visas in your home country, you will begin accumulating ’unlawful presence days’ that could lead to being barred from the U.S. for up to 10 years, and an official record of violation will be recorded with the Department of Homeland Security.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (To be completed by the student)

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Has any of your personal information changed (U.S. address, phone number, etc.)? □ Yes □ No
If so, please update your information in my.smu.edu immediately.

Please follow the steps listed below.

1. Compile the following items:
   - Updated financial documents and sponsor statement. The documentation must not be dated older than 6 months.
   - Affidavit of Support (if sponsored by someone in the U.S.).
   - Check or money order to pay $290 processing fee to Department of Homeland Security.
   - Copies of all I-20s.
   - Official transcripts.
   - Letter of support from your department stating normal academic progress and program completion date.
   - Passport identity pages, visa, and I-94 (front and back) or printout (cbp.gov/i94)
   - Dependent’s immigration documents, if applicable.
   - A personal statement address to the Department of Homeland Security stating the following:
     - Identify the status violation.
     - Give reason for the status violation and how it was beyond your control.
     - Explain the negative impact that failure to obtain reinstatement would have on you.
     - State that you are currently pursuing a full course of study or are planning to be enrolled full time in the following semester.
     - State that you have not engaged in any unauthorized employment.
     - Specifically request that DHS reinstate you to your F1 student status.

2. Make an appointment with an International Services Specialist and bring hard copies of the documents listed above. This appointment should last approximately one hour. During this appointment, you will:
   - Receive a “Reinstatement Requested” I-20, once financial documents and academic advisor’s letter have been provided.
   - Receive letter from International Services Specialist.
   - Complete I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status form.

By signing below, I affirm that I understand the consequences of my request. If I have any questions, I will contact an ISSS International Services Specialist immediately.

Print Name: ______________________________ Signature: ____________________________ Date: / / 

ISSS Name: Signature Date