



Selective Services (Military Service for Men)

International Student Services – Texas A&M University

What is Selective Services?

- Selective Service (<http://www.sss.gov/>) is a national program in the US to maintain a database of all eligible men who could be called to do mandatory US military service in a time of national crisis.
- Because of a change in Texas state law, the University requires all male employees between ages 18 and 25 to complete an additional piece of paperwork when they begin a job on-campus. This form is called a "**Certification of Registration Status**" and it asks whether someone has registered for the US government's Selective Service program, as required by federal law.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do international students have to fill out this new form if they are hired on-campus?**
The Registration Status form developed by the Texas A&M University System Human Resources Office must be completed in the hiring process by all males between ages 18 and 25. On the form, those of you who are non-citizens will see that there are several choices to mark. One of them indicates that you are exempt from Selective Service registration. This is the box you should mark if you are exempt from registering for the Selective Service.
- **Are all male international students exempt?**
Some non-citizens are required to register and others are not. Non-citizens NOT required to register include men who are in the US on student or visitor visas, and men who are part of a diplomatic or trade missions and their families. This includes almost all Texas A&M international students. However, almost all other male non-citizens are required to register with Selective Service, including individuals who do not have legal status, permanent residency, and refugees. If you hold dual citizenship with the US, you are also required to register and are not exempt. (<http://www.sss.gov/FSwho.htm>)
- **Where do I find the "Certificate of Registration Status" form?**
It will be given to you automatically as part of a packet of employment forms you will have to complete in the department where you are hired.

If you have questions about this, please contact any International Student Service (ISS) or Sponsored Student Program staff member.