

M-1 STATUS vs. F-1 STATUS

VBI now has the ability to produce an **M-1** I-20 as well as an **F-1** I-20. The notable differences between the two are as follows:

M-1 status is good for a maximum of 3 years. At the ending of each year SEVIS requires a renewal fee.	F-1 status is issued for period of 2 years.
M-1 can only be renewed twice. At the end of 3 years the applicant MUST go home. Once home, you can re-apply for another M-1 or F-1 .	F-1 status can be continually renewed or transferred to another school as long as you remain a full time student.
M-1 status means you would NOT BE ALLOWED to work in the US.	F-1 allows for 20 hours a week to be worked at Victory Christian Center.
M-1 status covers our MISSIONS program and our VICTORY KIDS ministry programs.	F-1 status covers our SCHOOL OF WORSHIP program and PRACTICAL MINISTRY .

Because of the many restrictions on M-1 status it is more readily obtainable than F-1 status. F-1 status is often preferred for its working flexibilities.