

17-month OPT Extension Application

The 17-month OPT extension rule extends the maximum period of OPT from 12 months to 29 months for F-1 students who have completed a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) degree and accept employment with employers enrolled in U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' (USCIS') E-Verify employment verification program.

Name: _____
Family First/Given Middle

WID#: _____ Email: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Passport Expiration Date* _____

*If your passport is within 6 months of expiring, renew it as soon as possible.

Degree Program listed within STEM field Yes No
Degree program _____

Employer is a participant in E-Verify Yes No

Dates listed on current EAD: _____ to _____

Dates of unemployment: _____ to _____

Job title or position: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Supervisor's email: _____ Supervisor's phone: _____

By signing this application form, I ensure that I fully understand the responsibilities in maintaining my status while on OPT. These responsibilities include but are not limited to;

- Notifying the ISC within 10 days of any changes to your
 - name,
 - address,
 - employer, or
 - interruption of employment

NOTE: Even if no changes are made, I must update my record every 6 months from the EAD start date.

- Providing a copy of my EAD to the ISC as soon as I receive it.
- Alerting the ISC if I decide to leave the country and not return to use your OPT.
- Notifying the ISC if I change my visa type with a copy of my I-797 approval notice.
- Dates of unemployment cannot exceed a total of 180 days for the entire 29 month period of OPT.
- Inform my employer that they must report to the ISC within 48 hours if I am terminated or depart from employment before the end of my EAD.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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