OPT STEM Extension

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International Student
& Scholar Services
University of Missouri

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Overview

- Introduction to STEM OPT
- Application process
- Maintaining status
- Reporting requirements
- After STEM OPT

What is OPT STEM extension?

Benefit of F-1 status for certain science, technology, engineering or math degree holders

Extension of initial OPT by 24 months for a total of 36 months

Job must be related to STEM-eligible **major**

You are eligible to apply for the STEM extension if:



You are currently on post-completion OPT.



You are working in a paid position related to your STEM-qualifying major.



Your employer is registered with E-verify employment verification system.



Your position is more than 20 hours per week.

STEM extension based on previous degree

You may be eligible for a STEM extension based on a previously earned degree if you meet the following criteria:

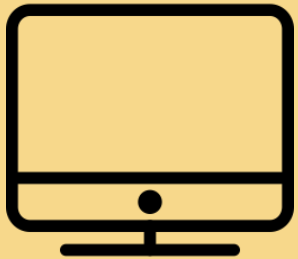
- Your degree must be earned from a currently accredited, SEVP-certified school. You are responsible for providing documentation that the school is accredited
- You must currently be on OPT for your most recently awarded degree (current degree does not need to be STEM eligible)
- The prior degree must be at the bachelor's level or higher and have been conferred within 10 years from the date you submit your application to USCIS
- The prior degree must be on the current STEM designated degree programs list at the time of application
- The employment must be related to the previously earned STEM degree

Application process

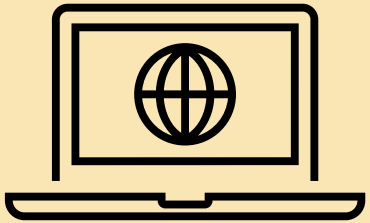
Application: Three step process



Step 1: Gather and complete required documents



Step 2: Submit online request through myStatus



Step 3: File USCIS application online and wait

Step 1: Gather and complete paperwork

- I-983
- I-765
- Copy of current OPT I-20
- Copies of passport, visa, I-94 and any previous EAD cards
- Copy of diploma
- $150 OPT STEM extension processing fee
  - > Credit/debit card payable in myStatus



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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Optional Practical Training (OPT)

OMB CONTROL NO. 1653-0054
EXPIRATION DATE: 03/31/2019

SECTION 1: STUDENT INFORMATION (Completed by Student)

Student Name *(Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)*:		Student Email Address:
Name of School Recommending STEM OPT: University of Missouri	Name of School Where STEM Degree Was Earned:	SEVIS School Code of School Recommending STEM OPT (including 3-digit suffix): KAN214F00635000
Designated School Official (DSO) Name and Contact Information: International student adviser name N52 Memorial Union Columbia, MO 65211	Student SEVIS ID No.: See I-20	STEM OPT Requested Period: *(mm-dd-yyyy)* From: _____ To: _____

Qualifying Major and Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Code: _____

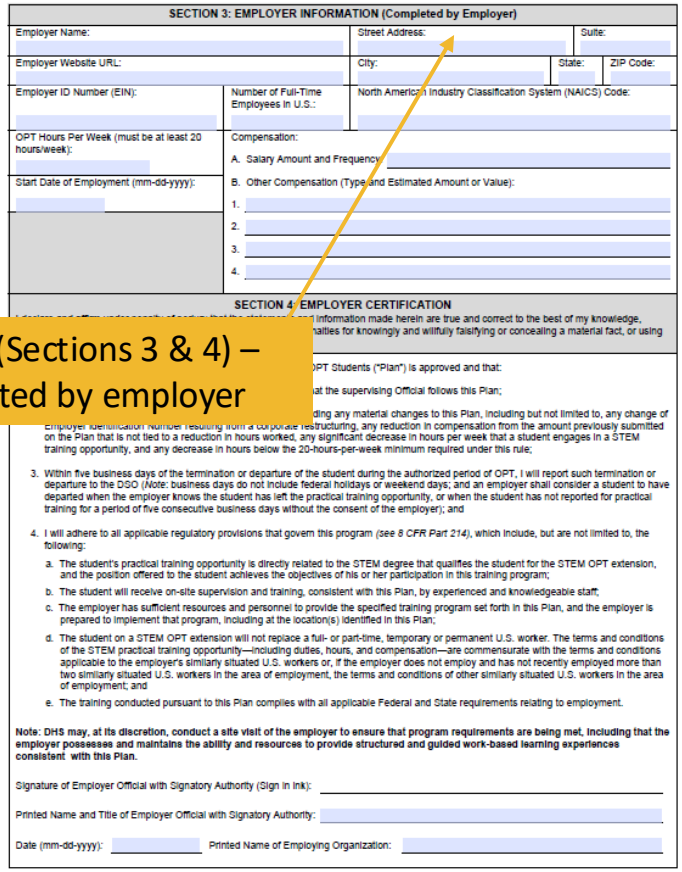
Level/Type of Qualifying Degree: _____

Date Awarded: *(mm-dd-yyyy)* _____

Based on Prior Degree? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Employment Authorization Number: USCIS # printed on EAD card

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SECTION 3: EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Completed by Employer)

Employer Name:		Street Address:	Suite:
Employer Website URL:		City:	State: / ZIP Code:
Employer ID Number (EIN):	Number of Full-Time Employees in U.S.:	North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code:	
OPT Hours Per Week (must be at least 20 hours/week):	Compensation: A. Salary Amount and Frequency		
Start Date of Employment (mm-dd-yyyy):	B. Other Compensation (Type and Estimated Amount or Value): 1. 2. 3. 4.		

SECTION 4: EMPLOYER CERTIFICATION

...information made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, ...alties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using

...PT Students ("Plan") is approved and that:

...at the supervising Official follows this Plan;

...ding any material changes to this Plan, including but not limited to, any change of Employer Identification Number resulting from a corporate restructuring, any reduction in compensation from the amount previously submitted on the Plan that is not tied to a reduction in hours worked, any significant decrease in hours per week that a student engages in a STEM training opportunity, and any decrease in hours below the 20-hours-per-week minimum required under this rule;

3. Within five business days of the termination or departure of the student during the authorized period of OPT, I will report such termination or departure to the DSO (*Note*: business days do not include federal holidays or weekend days; and an employer shall consider a student to have departed when the employer knows the student has left the practical training opportunity, or when the student has not reported for practical training for a period of five consecutive business days without the consent of the employer); and

4. I will adhere to all applicable regulatory provisions that govern this program (*see 8 CFR Part 214*), which include, but are not limited to, the following:
   a. The student's practical training opportunity is directly related to the STEM degree that qualifies the student for the STEM OPT extension, and the position offered to the student achieves the objectives of his or her participation in this training program;
   b. The student will receive on-site supervision and training, consistent with this Plan, by experienced and knowledgeable staff;
   c. The employer has sufficient resources and personnel to provide the specified training program set forth in this Plan, and the employer is prepared to implement that program, including at the location(s) identified in this Plan;
   d. The student on a STEM OPT extension will not replace a full- or part-time, temporary or permanent U.S. worker. The terms and conditions of the STEM practical training opportunity—including duties, hours, and compensation—are commensurate with the terms and conditions applicable to the employer's similarly situated U.S. workers or, if the employer does not employ and has not recently employed more than two similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment, the terms and conditions of other similarly situated U.S. workers in the area of employment; and
   e. The training conducted pursuant to this Plan complies with all applicable Federal and State requirements relating to employment.

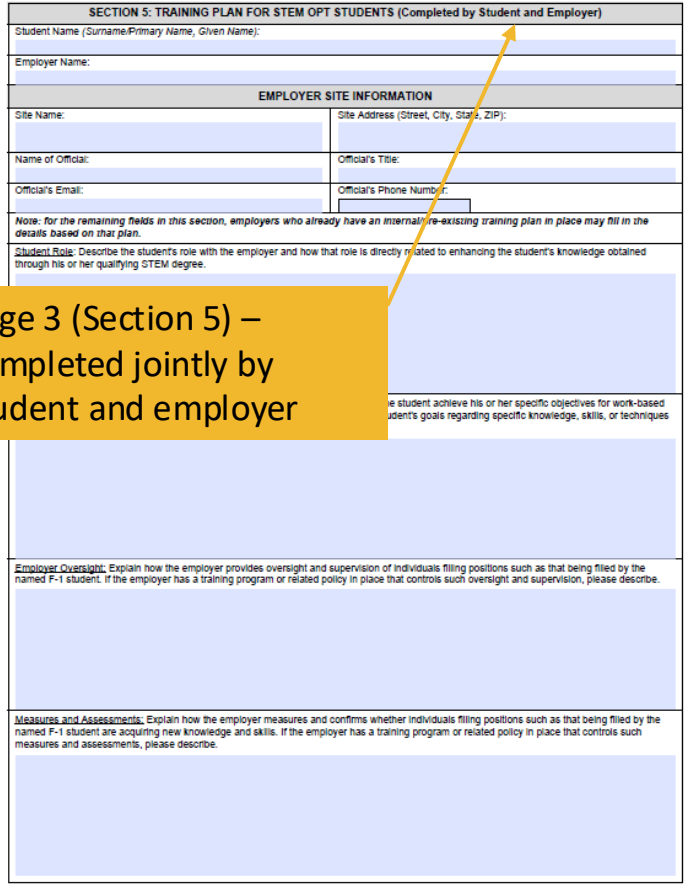
Note: DHS may, at its discretion, conduct a site visit of the employer to ensure that program requirements are being met, including that the employer possesses and maintains the ability and resources to provide structured and guided work-based learning experiences consistent with this Plan.

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority (Sign in Ink): _____

Printed Name and Title of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____

Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Printed Name of Employing Organization: _____

Page 2 (Sections 3 & 4) – completed by employer



SECTION 5: TRAINING PLAN FOR STEM OPT STUDENTS (Completed by Student and Employer)

Student Name *(Surname/Primary Name, Given Name)*:

Employer Name:

EMPLOYER SITE INFORMATION

Site Name:	Site Address (Street, City, State, ZIP):
Name of Official:	Official's Title:
Official's Email:	Official's Phone Number:

Note: for the remaining fields in this section, employers who already have an internal, pre-existing training plan in place may fill in the details based on that plan.

Student Role: Describe the student's role with the employer and how that role is directly related to enhancing the student's knowledge obtained through his or her qualifying STEM degree.

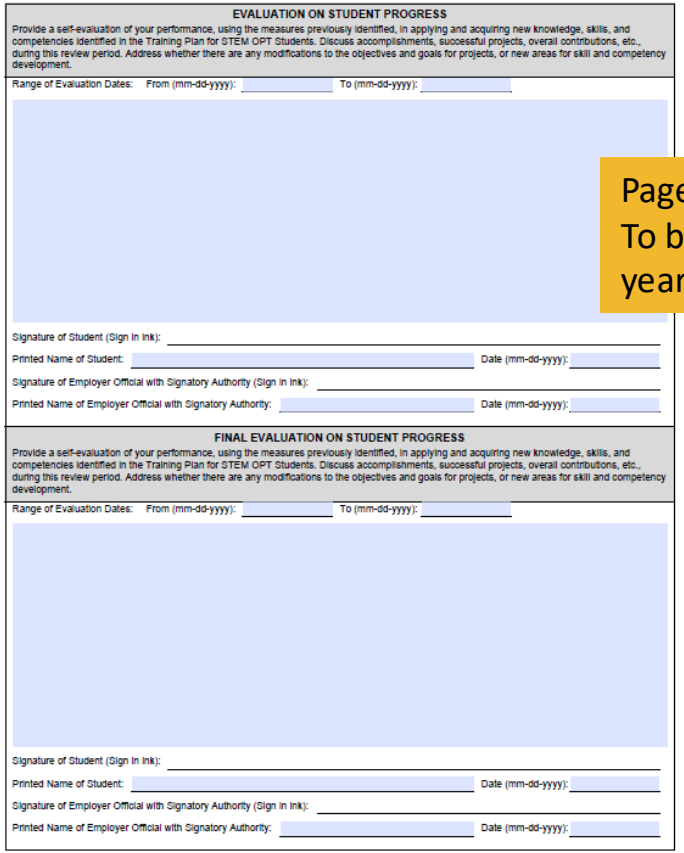
...e student achieve his or her specific objectives for work-based ...udent's goals regarding specific knowledge, skills, or techniques

Employer Oversight: Explain how the employer provides oversight and supervision of individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such oversight and supervision, please describe.

Measures and Assessments: Explain how the employer measures and confirms whether individuals filling positions such as that being filled by the named F-1 student are acquiring new knowledge and skills. If the employer has a training program or related policy in place that controls such measures and assessments, please describe.

Page 3 (Section 5) – completed jointly by student and employer

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EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

Range of Evaluation Dates: From (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ To (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Student (Sign in Ink): _____

Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority (Sign in Ink): _____

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

FINAL EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

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Signature of Student (Sign in Ink): _____

Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

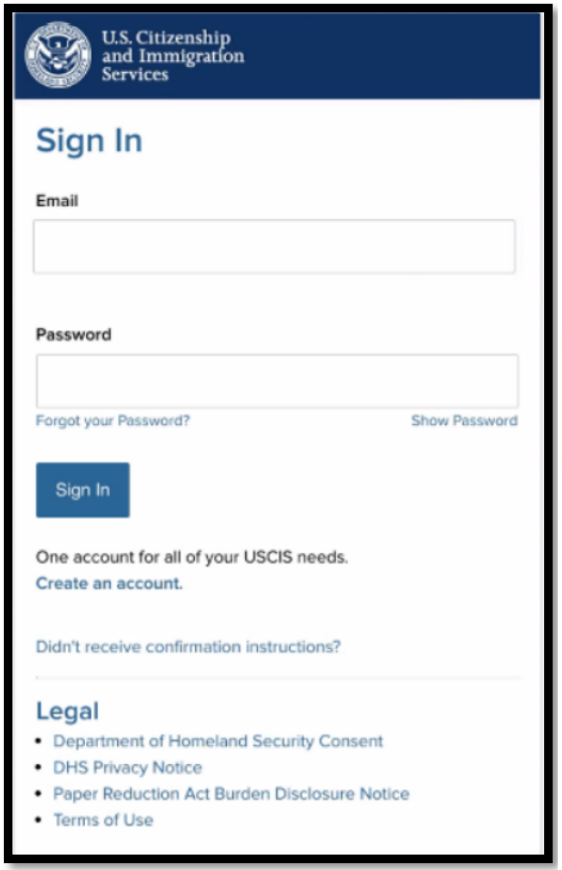
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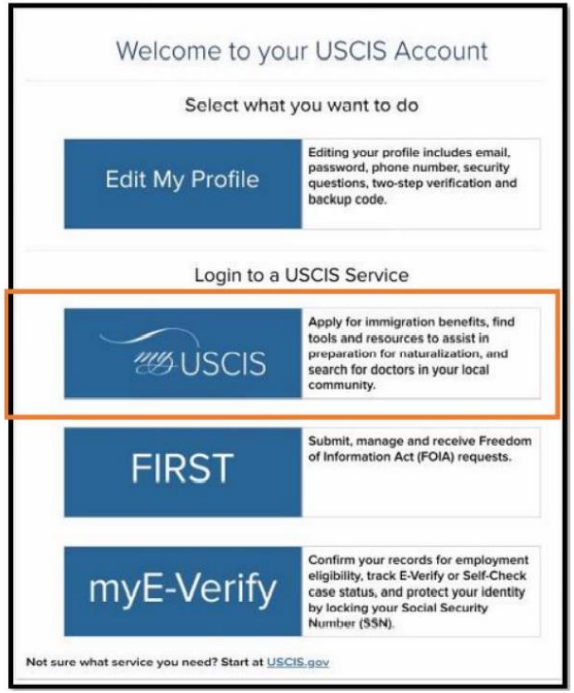
Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

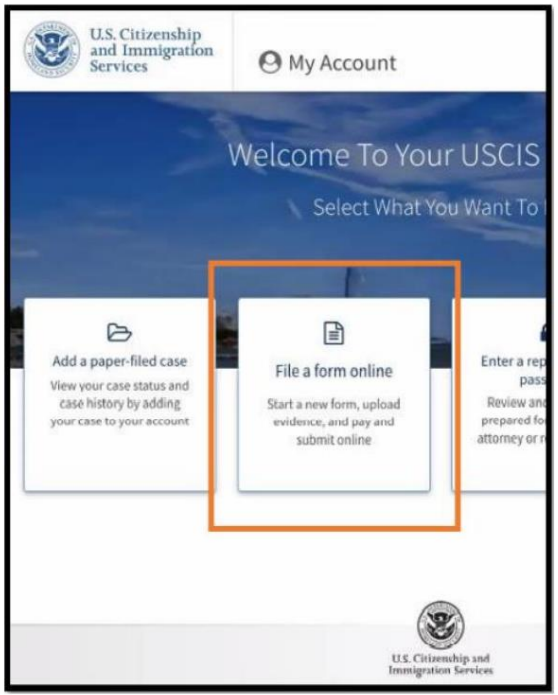
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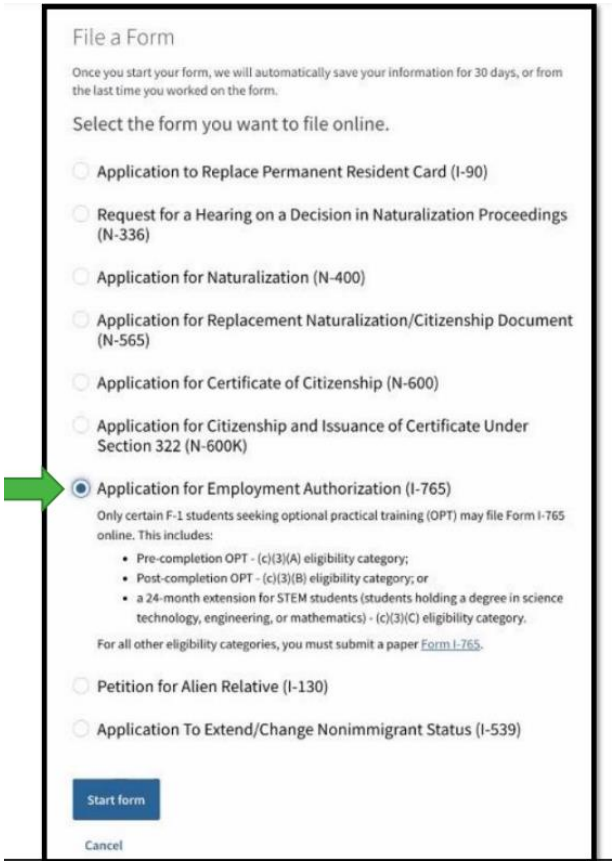
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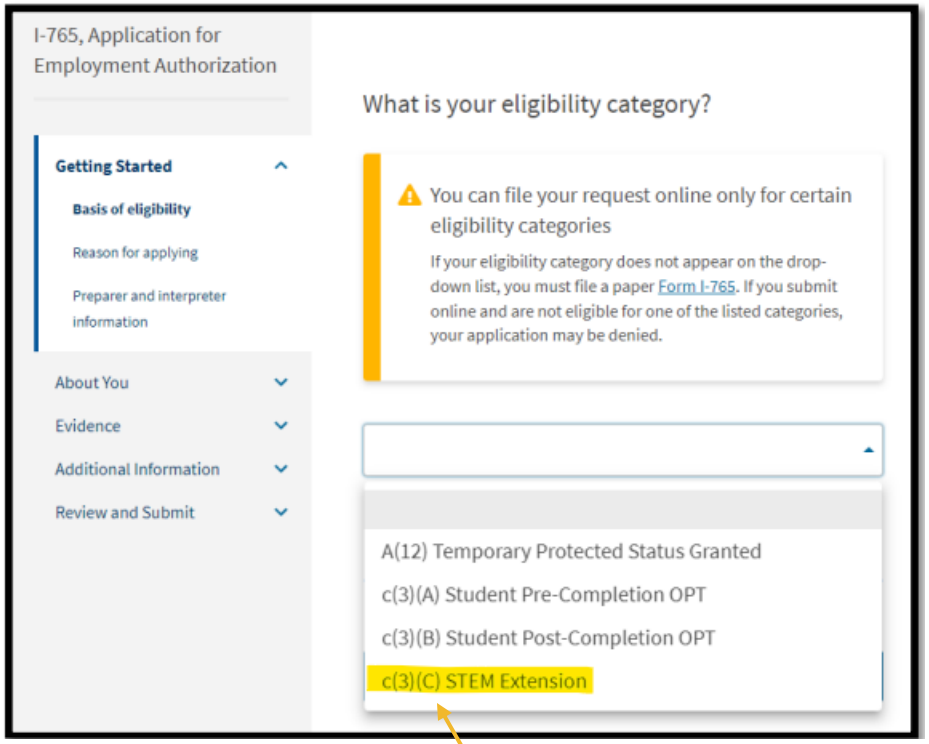

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Sign In
Email
Password
Forgot your Password?
Show Password
Sign In
One account for all of your USCIS needs.
Create an account.
Didn't receive confirmation instructions?
Legal
Department of Homeland Security Consent
DHS Privacy Notice
Paper Reduction Act Burden Disclosure Notice
Terms of Use


Welcome to your USCIS Account
Select what you want to do
Edit My Profile
Editing your profile includes email, password, phone number, security questions, two-step verification and backup code.
Login to a USCIS Service
myUSCIS
Apply for immigration benefits, find tools and resources to assist in preparation for naturalization, and search for doctors in your local community.
FIRST
Submit, manage and receive Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
myE-Verify
Confirm your records for employment eligibility, track E-Verify or Self-Check case status, and protect your identity by locking your Social Security Number (SSN).
Not sure what service you need? Start at USCIS.gov


U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
My Account
Welcome To Your USCIS
Select What You Want To
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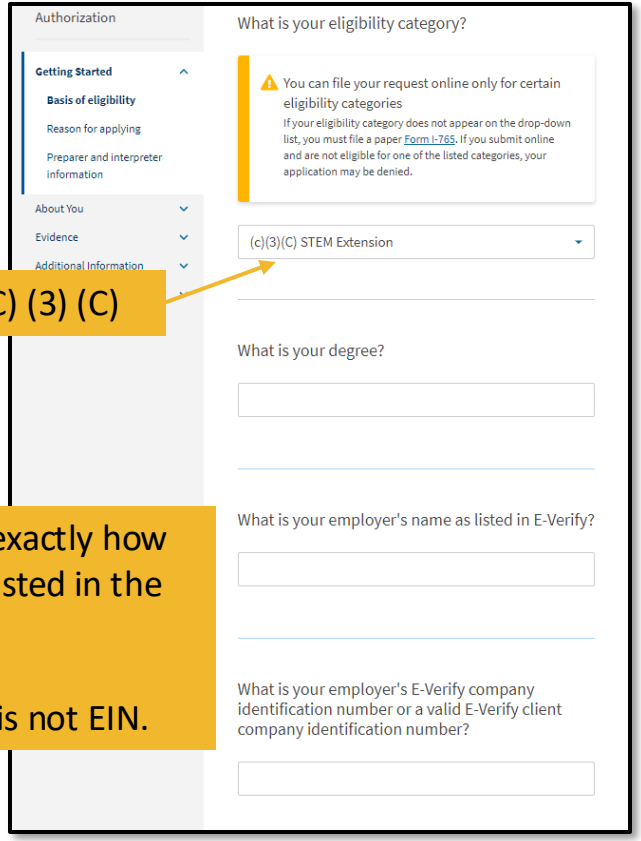
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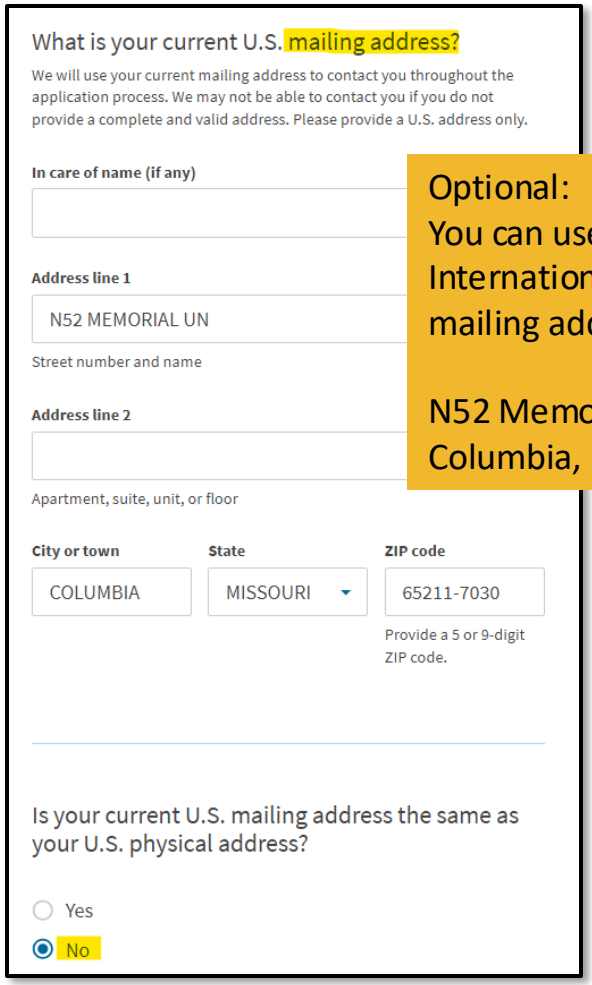
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Needs to match exactly how the employer is listed in the e-Verify system.

E-Verify number is not EIN.

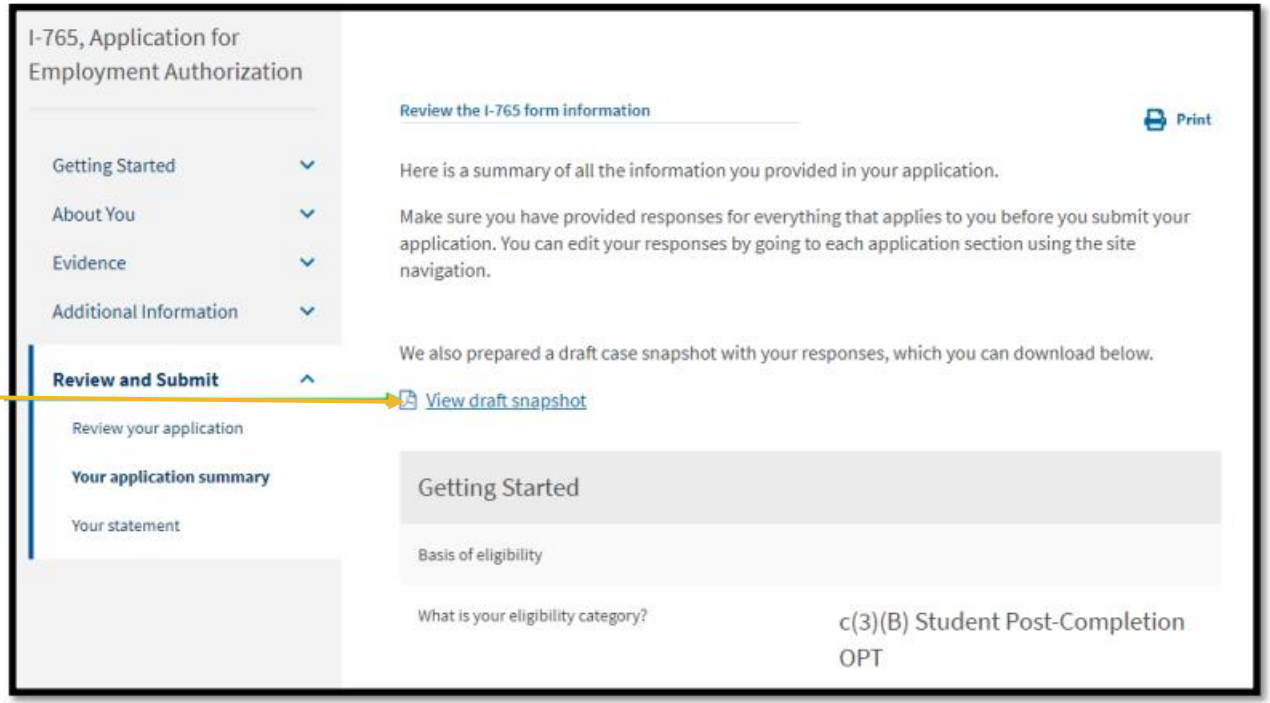


Optional:
You can use the International Center's mailing address.

N52 Memorial Union
Columbia, MO 65211

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View draft snapshot (PDF)



STOP

After completing the questions, **DO NOT** submit to USCIS. Download the draft snapshot & submit to ISSS for review.

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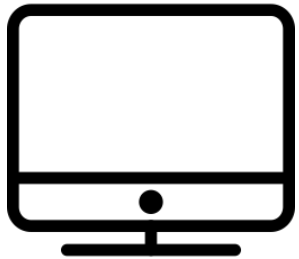
- Filing the I-765 electronically
  - > Complete form at uscis.gov/i-765
  - > Select ‘view draft snapshot’
  - > Upload draft I-765 to myStatus for international student adviser review



After completing the questions, **DO NOT** submit to USCIS. Download the draft snapshot & submit to ISSS for review.

Step 2: Submit OPT STEM extension request to ISSS

- Submit request in myStatus
  - > Start new request -> F-1: STEM OPT Request
  - > Read instructions
  - > Read STEM OPT fee information
  - > Complete questionnaires
  - > Complete STEM OPT acknowledgement
- Submit documents from step 1 to myStatus
  - > Pay $150 STEM processing fee in myStatus



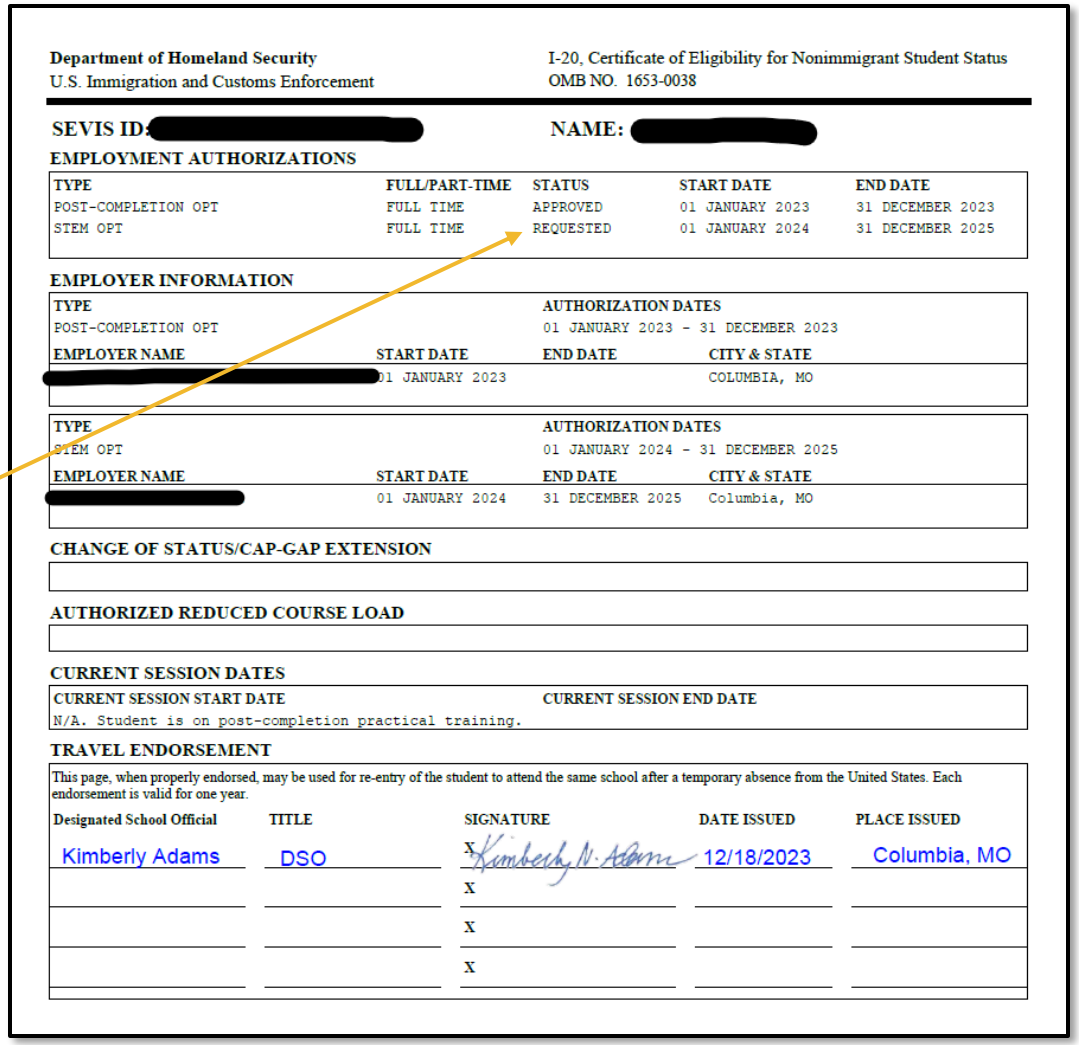
Step 2: Receive documents from ISSS

- Processing time for International Student and Scholar Services takes up to five business days after all required documents are submitted
- Receive documents from International Center:
  - New I-20 with STEM OPT recommendation
- Before submitting your application, please let your international student adviser know if you need to make any changes

New I-20

Post-completion OPT
Status “Approved”

STEM OPT
Status “Requested”



Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: [redacted] **NAME:** [redacted]

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

TYPE	FULL/PART-TIME	STATUS	START DATE	END DATE
POST-COMPLETION OPT	FULL TIME	APPROVED	01 JANUARY 2023	31 DECEMBER 2023
STEM OPT	FULL TIME	REQUESTED	01 JANUARY 2024	31 DECEMBER 2025

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

TYPE		AUTHORIZATION DATES	
POST-COMPLETION OPT		01 JANUARY 2023 - 31 DECEMBER 2023	
EMPLOYER NAME	**START DATE**	**END DATE**	**CITY & STATE**
[redacted]	01 JANUARY 2023		COLUMBIA, MO

TYPE		AUTHORIZATION DATES	
STEM OPT		01 JANUARY 2024 - 31 DECEMBER 2025	
EMPLOYER NAME	**START DATE**	**END DATE**	**CITY & STATE**
[redacted]	01 JANUARY 2024	31 DECEMBER 2025	Columbia, MO

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD

CURRENT SESSION DATES

CURRENT SESSION START DATE	CURRENT SESSION END DATE
N/A. Student is on post-completion practical training.	

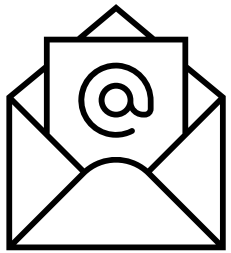
TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

Designated School Official	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
Kimberly Adams	DSO	X Kimberly N. Adams	12/18/2023	Columbia, MO
		X		
		X		
		X		

Step 3: Submit application to USCIS electronically

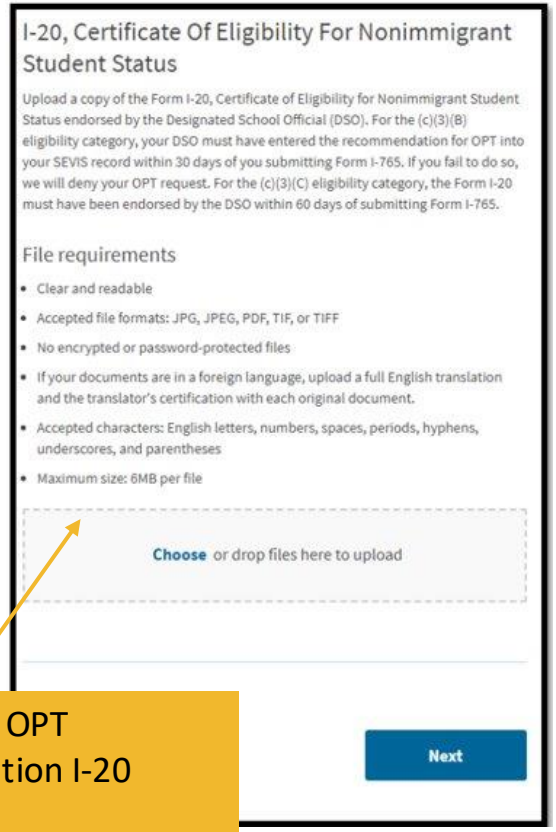
- Payment for $470
- Passport-style photograph (taken recently)
- I-765 questionnaire
- Copy of new STEM OPT I-20
- Copies of I-94, visa, passport, any previous EADs



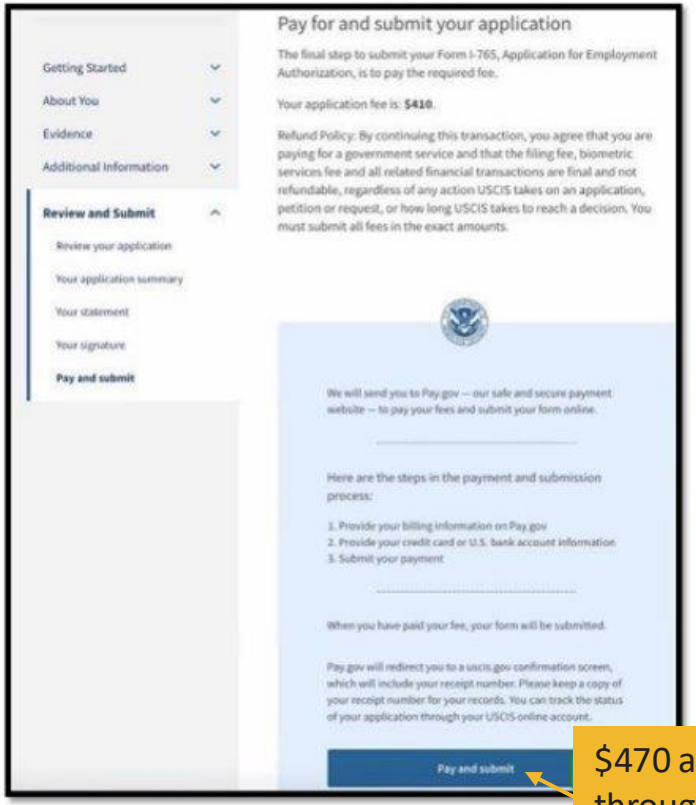
Update: OPT fee proposal

- On October 8, 2026, the Department of Homeland Security proposed that schools pay a fee to the U.S. government when issuing I-20 OPT recommendations for students. This is a proposal – it is **not** in effect right now
- The proposal will undergo a comment period until November 9, 2026. Afterwards, the proposal will go through a formal review process
- International Student and Scholar Services will monitor this proposal and provide updates as they become available

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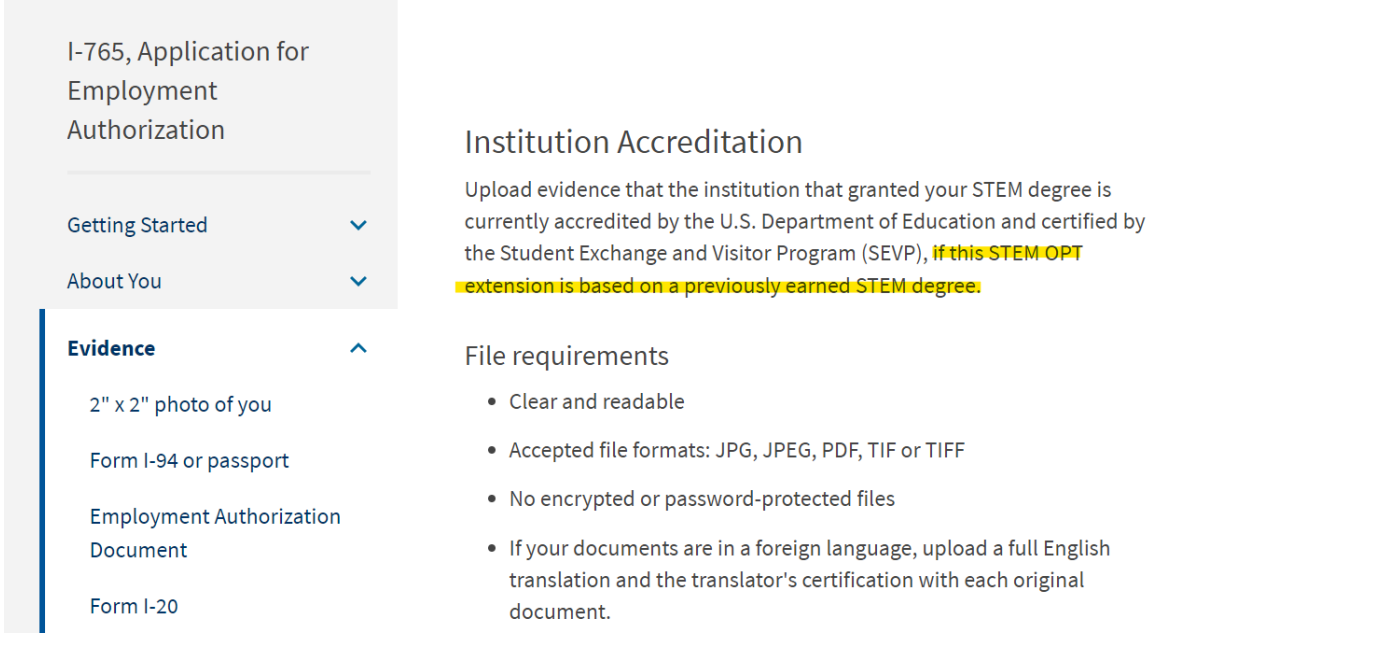
Upload STEM OPT Recommendation I-20



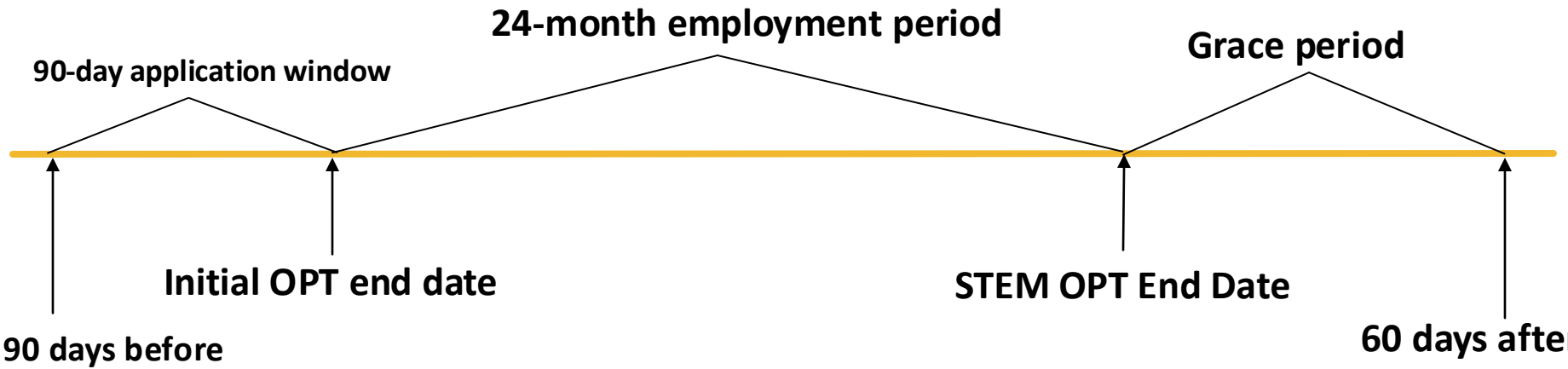
$470 application fee paid through Pay.gov

Institution Accreditation

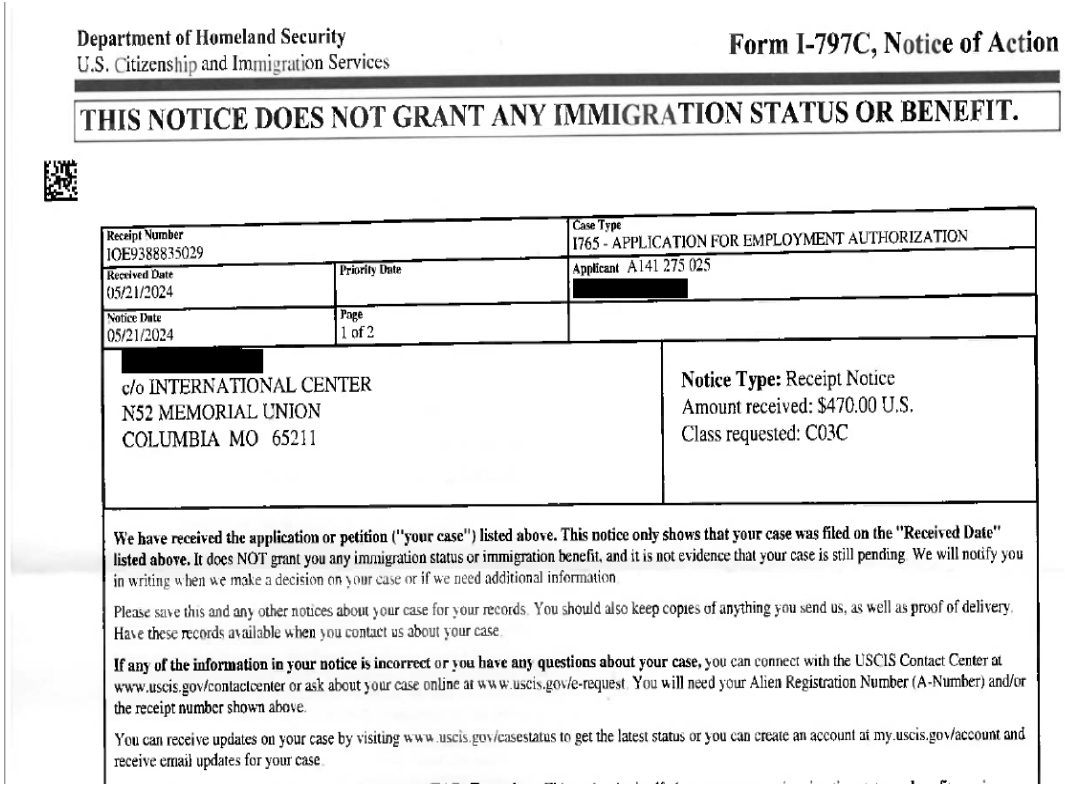
- The institution accreditation is **not** required for the STEM OPT request if you're applying based on your most recent degree. It is only required if the STEM OPT request is based on a degree earned earlier.



OPT STEM extension timeline



After you apply



Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT GRANT ANY IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BENEFIT.

Receipt Number		Case Type
IOE9388835029		I765 - APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION
Received Date 05/21/2024	Priority Date	Applicant A141 275 025 [redacted]
Notice Date 05/21/2024	Page 1 of 2	

[redacted]
c/o INTERNATIONAL CENTER
N52 MEMORIAL UNION
COLUMBIA MO 65211

Notice Type: Receipt Notice
Amount received: $470.00 U.S.
Class requested: C03C

We have received the application or petition ("your case") listed above. This notice only shows that your case was filed on the "Received Date" listed above. It does NOT grant you any immigration status or immigration benefit, and it is not evidence that your case is still pending. We will notify you in writing when we make a decision on your case or if we need additional information.

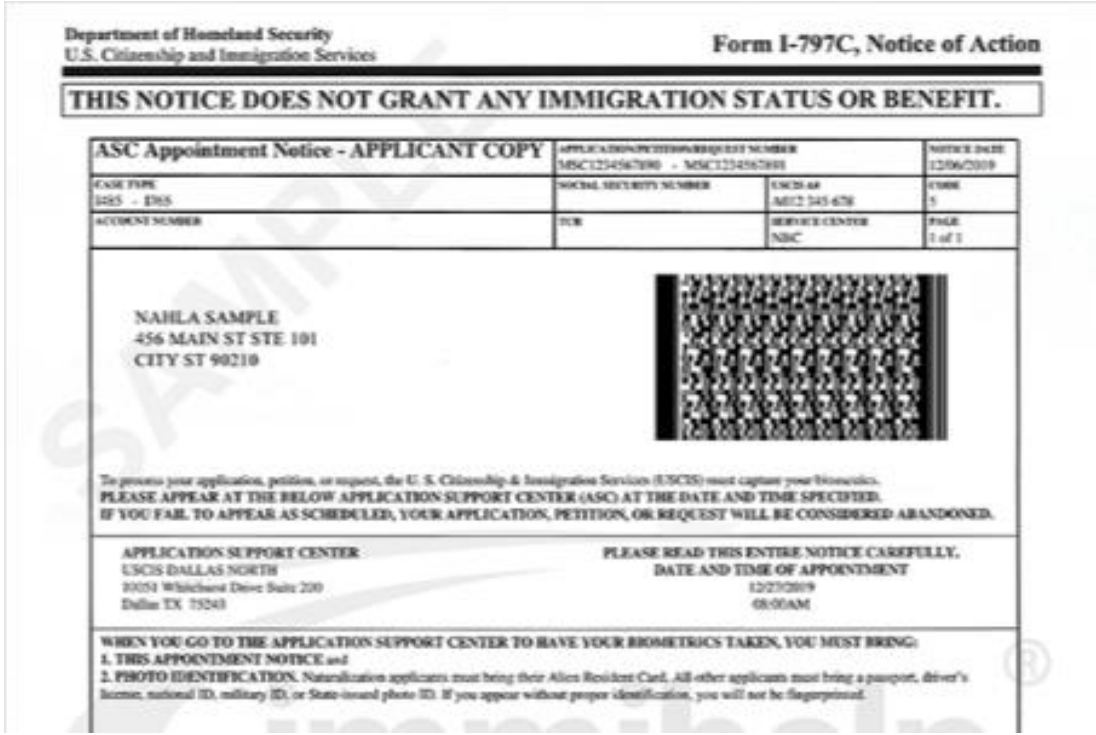
Please save this and any other notices about your case for your records. You should also keep copies of anything you send us, as well as proof of delivery. Have these records available when you contact us about your case.

If any of the information in your notice is incorrect or you have any questions about your case, you can connect with the USCIS Contact Center at www.uscis.gov/contactcenter or ask about your case online at www.uscis.gov/e-request. You will need your Alien Registration Number (A-Number) and/or the receipt number shown above.

You can receive updates on your case by visiting www.uscis.gov/casestatus to get the latest status or you can create an account at my.uscis.gov/account and receive email updates for your case.

- You will receive a receipt in the mail two to three weeks after your application is received by USCIS
- Check the status of your application through the USCIS website, using “IOE” number
- International student adviser cannot contact USCIS on your behalf

After you apply



Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT GRANT ANY IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BENEFIT.

ASC Appointment Notice - APPLICANT COPY			
CASE TYPE I485 - I765	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	USCIS A# A012 345 678	CODE 5
ACCOUNT NUMBER	TCN	SERVICE CENTER NBC	PAGE 1 of 1

NAHLA SAMPLE
456 MAIN ST STE 101
CITY ST 90210

To process your application, petition, or request, the U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) must capture your biometrics.
PLEASE APPEAR AT THE BELOW APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER (ASC) AT THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AS SCHEDULED, YOUR APPLICATION, PETITION, OR REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED.

APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER
USCIS DALLAS NORTH
10351 Whitehurst Drive Suite 200
Dallas TX 75243

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE NOTICE CAREFULLY.
DATE AND TIME OF APPOINTMENT
12/27/2019
08:00AM

WHEN YOU GO TO THE APPLICATION SUPPORT CENTER TO HAVE YOUR BIOMETRICS TAKEN, YOU MUST BRING:
1. THIS APPOINTMENT NOTICE and
2. PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. Naturalization applicants must bring their Alien Resident Card. All other applicants must bring a passport, driver's license, national ID, military ID, or State-issued photo ID. If you appear without proper identification, you will not be fingerprinted.

- You will receive an ASC Appointment notice for biometrics
- The location of the appointment is based on your mailing address
- Be sure to attend this mandatory appointment

USCIS decisions

Approved	Rejection/denial	Request for evidence
Yay! Congratulations!	▪ **Application** > Received more than 90 days before program end date > Received after initial OPT end date > Received more than 60 days after OPT recommendation ▪ **Old or previously used photos** ▪ **Payment** > Credit Card declined	RFE More information needed to make a decision

Timing tips

- Application must be received by USCIS **before** initial OPT ends
- Submit online application within a timely manner
- As long as your OPT STEM extension application has been received by USCIS and is pending, you can continue working up to 180 days beyond your initial OPT end date with the STEM OPT employer

Timing tips: USCIS communications and mail

- USCIS will send communication electronically and by mail
- If you receive an RFE or ASC appointment notice, you must follow the instructions in order for your application to proceed
- After approval, USCIS generally produces and sends out the EAD within two weeks. The delivery timeframe will vary
  - You must update USCIS and USPS promptly if you want to change your mailing address

Timing tips: Premium processing

$1,780 fee guarantees processing time within 30 **business** days

- I-907 can be filed together with I-765 or after I-765
- Business days do NOT include weekends or federal holidays
- If USCIS requires biometrics, premium processing might not begin until the ASC appointment has been completed

Other tips

- If your driver’s license is expiring, renew before submitting your OPT documents to International Student and Scholar Services
  - If your driver's license expires while your STEM application is pending, you cannot renew it until USCIS approves
- You cannot file for the STEM extension outside of the U.S. - you must be inside the U.S. when you file

Hold and Review

On Dec. 2, 2025, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) issued a policy memo that directs personnel to:

- Place a hold on pending benefits for individuals from the 19 countries identified in Presidential proclamation 10949
- For students and scholars from the 19 affected countries, benefits processed by USCIS are currently on hold. Although not expressly addressed in the policy memo, this may include, but is not limited to, applications for work authorization (e.g., OPT and STEM OPT, J-2 work authorization).
- Any additional updates regarding this announcement will be posted on our Insights page.

Maintaining F-1 status

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Maintaining F-1 status on STEM OPT

- Employment must be paid
- Employer must be registered with E-verify
- Must work more than 20 hours per week
- Can switch employers
- Can work for multiple employers, but each job must be more than 20 hours per week
- Can take part-time incidental courses, but cannot start another academic program
  - > Recreational or vocational courses for interest or fun are allowed
  - > Starting a new program at MU or another university ends your OPT eligibility
- No more than 150 days of total unemployment (this includes whatever you have already used of the 90 days of unemployment allowed during initial OPT)
  - > Exceeding 150 unemployment days may result in automatic termination of your F-1 record
  - > You must work more than 20 hours per week to avoid unemployment time

Reporting requirements

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Submit these requests in myStatus within 10 days of . . .

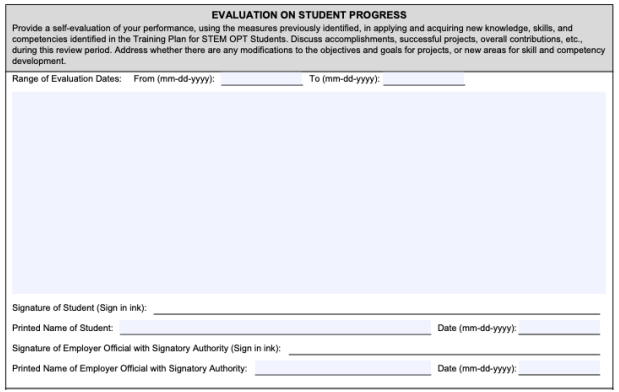
- Moving to a new address: **F-1 OPT/STEM: U.S. address update**
- Adding new employment: **F-1 - Add STEM OPT employer**
  - Must include a new I-983 that corresponds to the employment
- Ending employment: **F-1 – Edit STEM OPT Employer**
  - Must include a completed I-983 “Final Evaluation” section for your recently-ended position
- Material changes to employment information and/or I-983: **F-1 - Edit STEM OPT employer**
  - Must include updated I-983 if there are any corresponding changes

Six-month reporting

- You must report your employment to International Student and Scholar Services through myStatus every six months while you are on your STEM extension, even if there are no changes
- These can be completed in myStatus (“STEM OPT Six Month Reports”)
- You will receive email reminders from SEVP in advance of these deadlines
- **Failure to report may result in SEVIS record termination**

Six-month reporting

- At 12 and 24 months, you must also submit completed self-evaluations in myStatus
- You must also submit the final evaluation when you end a job or abandon your STEM period early (for example, if you obtain another visa status), even if it has been less than 24 months



EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

Provide a self-evaluation of your performance, using the measures previously identified, in applying and acquiring new knowledge, skills, and competencies identified in the Training Plan for STEM OPT Students. Discuss accomplishments, successful projects, overall contributions, etc., during this review period. Address whether there are any modifications to the objectives and goals for projects, or new areas for skill and competency development.

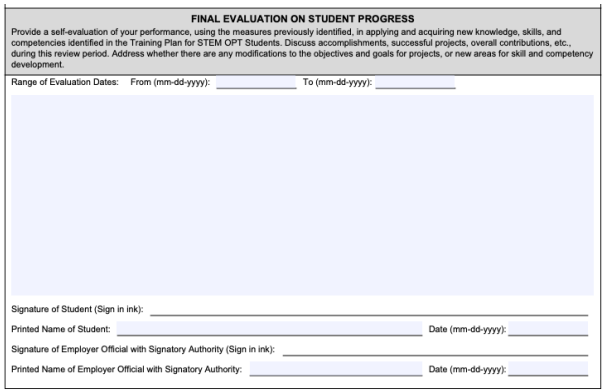
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Printed Name of Student: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____

Signature of Employer Official with Signatory Authority (Sign in ink): _____

Printed Name of Employer Official with Signatory Authority: _____ Date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____



FINAL EVALUATION ON STUDENT PROGRESS

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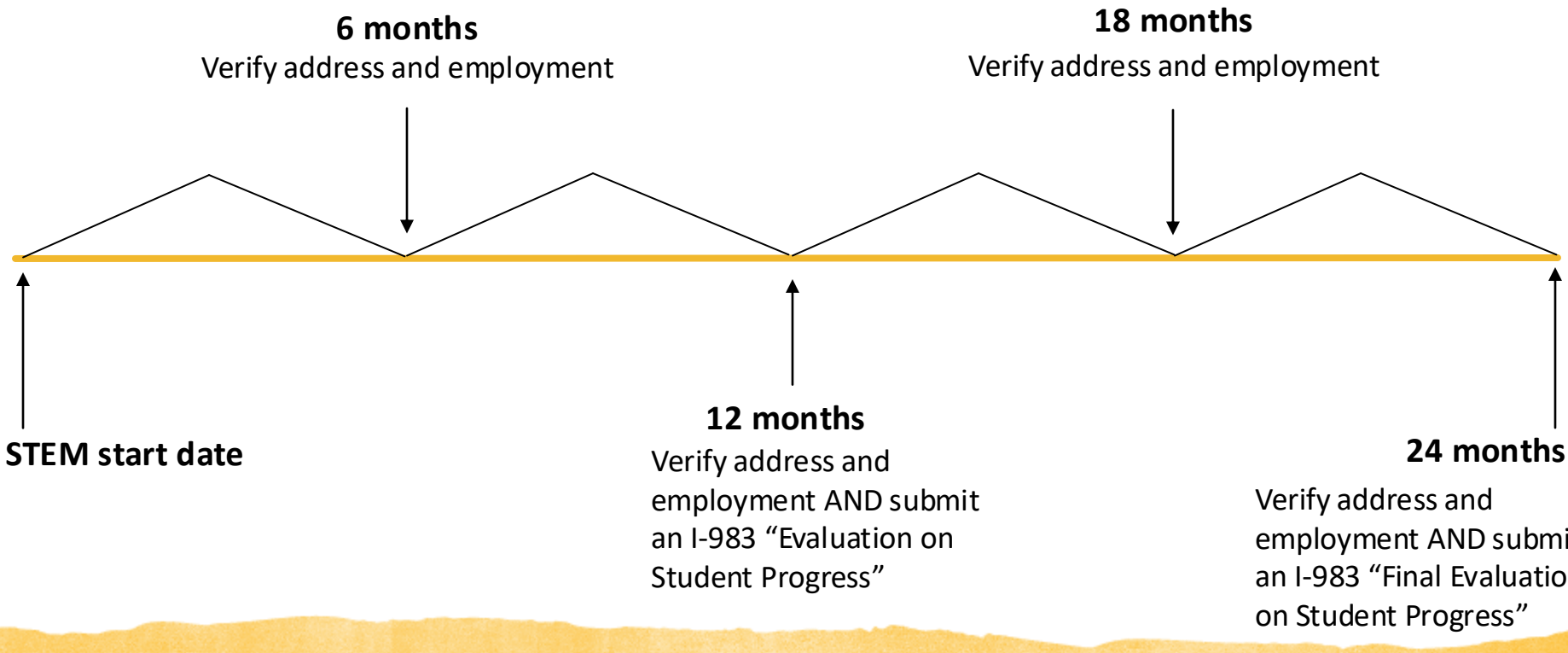
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STEM reporting timeline



Travel

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Let us know

- Travelling is possible, but it can be complicated

Always **talk to your ISSS advisor before** planning any international travel before, during or after the STEM OPT application process

Travel with an approved application

- To re-enter the U.S., you will need:
  - Valid passport
  - Valid F-1 visa
  - I-20 with updated employment information and travel signature less than six months old
  - Proof of employment
  - Valid EAD card for STEM extension



*EAD card is not valid for re-entry by itself. You must have a job in order to re-enter the U.S.

After STEM OPT

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*60-day grace period

- Leave the United States
- Continue your studies at Mizzou
- Transfer your SEVIS record to a different school
- Change to another visa status

**Each option has different requirements. Meet with an international student adviser to discuss your situation

H-1B cap-gap extension

- Automatic extension of F-1 status and/or OPT work authorization from the end of OPT through the start of H-1B status (Oct. 1 – April 1)
- Eligibility:
  - Employer is cap-subject and has timely filed a change of status to H-1B (NOT consular processing) with a start date in the following fiscal year (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30)
  - F-1 students on unexpired OPT/STEM OPT and in valid F-1 status when the H-1B is filed can continue working
    - If filed during grace period, F-1 status may be extended, but work authorization will end
  - You must continue to fulfill OPT/STEM OPT reporting requirements while on the cap gap extension
- Have questions? Consult with the employer who is filing the H-1B petition

Additional resources

- myStatus
- MU International Student and Scholar Services website
  - OPT STEM extension // International Student and Scholar Services
  - Travel // International Student and Scholar Services
  - Advising // International Student and Scholar Services
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: Study in the States
  - STEM OPT Extension Overview | Study in the States
  - Form I-983 Overview | Study in the States
  - Applying for Practical Training | Study in the States
  - Eligible CIP Codes for the STEM OPT Extension | Study in the States
  - H-1B Status and the Cap Gap Extension | Study in the States
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
  - Optional Practical Training Extension for STEM Students (STEM OPT) | USCIS
  - Application for Employment Authorization | USCIS
  - Filing Fees | USCIS
  - Case Processing Times
  - Request for Premium Processing Service | USCIS
  - How Do I Request Premium Processing? | USCIS
  - Form I-797: Types and Functions | USCIS
  - Preparing for Your Biometric Services Appointment | USCIS
  - How to Change Your Address | USCIS
  - Checking Your Case Status Online | USCIS
  - Employment Authorization | USCIS
  - Immigration Documents and How to Correct, Update, or Replace Them | USCIS
  - How to Track Delivery of Your Notice or Secure Identity Document (or Card) | USCIS

Questions?

- International Student and Scholar Services website: international.missouri.edu/isss
- Advising sign-up: international.missouri.edu/isss/advising/walkin-advising/
- Contact your ISSS adviser: international.missouri.edu/isss/advising/people/