

POST-COMPLETION OPT REMINDERS

F-1 VISA REGULATIONS STILL APPLY TO YOU!

While on OPT, you are still an F-1 visa holder. For more information, please refer to the 2nd page of your I-20, or ask your DSO for clarification on regulations to maintain your F status.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

You must report any changes to the DSO within **10 days**. Changes include:

- Name
- Address
- Name and/or address of employer
- Loss of employment
- Completion/cancellation of OPT

NOTE: you can make some of these changes in your SEVIS portal, but be sure to notify your DSO as well!



EMPLOYMENT MUST BE AUTHORIZED & RELATED TO YOUR FIELD OF STUDY

Authorization for employment begins once your OPT start date has passed and you've received your EAD card.

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT INFO

Multiple jobs: You can work multiple jobs at once, but they all must relate to your field of study and must add up to 20 or more hours a week.

Self-Employment: You may start your own business; however, you must work at least 20 hours/week, have a proper business license and actively engage in a business related to your field of study

Unpaid Volunteer: Make sure it is a true volunteer experience! Consult with your DSO before accepting a position like this.

TRAVELLING INTERNATIONALLY WITH A PENDING OPT APPLICATION

While it is not recommended, for the best possible chances of re-entering the US, travel with the following: **1)** Passport with 6 months' validity **2)** Valid F-1 visa **3)** I -20 with travel signature no older than 6 months **4)** I-797 receipt notice

TRAVELLING INTERNATIONALLY WITH OPT APPROVAL

Once you've received a job offer and your EAD card, have the following: **1)** Passport with 6 months validity **2)** Valid F-1 visa **3)** I-20 with travel signature no older than 6 months **4)** EAD card **5)** Evidence you have a job in the US or a job offer. If you do not have proof of employment, bring evidence of your job search

NOTE: *there is always an assumed risk when traveling during OPT and re-entry is never guaranteed!*

ACCRUING UNEMPLOYMENT

After the start date on your EAD, you accrue unemployment days for any time not employed. Once 90 days of unemployment is reached, your OPT is cancelled and you fall out of status. If you are nearing 90 days of unemployment, please consult with your DSO to discuss options.

NOTE: you still accrue unemployment days for every day your work part-time (under 20 hours/week)

ENDING OPT EARLY

If you choose to end your OPT before the end date on your I-20 and EAD card, let your DSO know, so we can complete your program in SEVIS.

AFTER YOUR OPT ENDS

When your OPT ends, you have 60 days to do one of the following:

1. Depart the US
2. Change to another visa status, such as an H-1B
3. Transfer from WSU to another institution to begin a new program of study and be issued a new I-20 for new program
4. Be issued a new I-20 by WSU to begin a new program of study

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