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On May 4, 2022, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced it was increasing the time that [many Employment Authorization Documents \(EADs\)](#) are extended, from 180 days to up to 540 days. EADs that previously were extended for up to 180 days are now extended for up to 540 days. This also means that if an eligible worker's 180-day EAD extension already ran out but they are still within the 540-day window from the expiration date listed on their EAD, the EAD is now valid again, for up to 540 days from the original EAD expiration date.

You can find more information on these EAD extensions on USCIS's website:

- [Automatic Extensions of Employment Authorization and/or Employment Authorization Documents \(EADs\) in Certain Circumstances](#)
- [Extensiones Automáticas de Documentos de Autorización de Empleo \(EAD\) en Ciertas Circunstancias](#)
- [EAD Automatic Extension Calculator](#)

These 540-day extensions only apply to certain EADs, and only if the worker filed for a new EAD before the original EAD expiration date. Some examples of EADs that might be extended under this new rule include EADs for asylum applicants, adjustment applicants, asylees, refugees, and Temporary Protected Status beneficiaries. These are just some examples.

Some examples of EADs that are NOT covered by the 540-day extension include EADs for parolees and EADs for DACA recipients.

You can call the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section if you are not sure if an EAD qualifies for a 540-day extension, or if you have a question about what documentation workers can show.

Call the Immigrant and Employee Rights Section if an employer does not accept your extended EAD. We also may be able to help in other situations such as if you have questions about using your extended EAD for certain benefits or to renew your driver's license or ID.

Justice Department, Immigrant and Employee Rights Section

Calls can be anonymous and language services are available.

IER Employer Hotline: 1-800-255-8155

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