

Broadcast Message: Reminders for Designated School Officials to Assist F-1 Students with Applying for Optional Practical Training

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The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) would like to remind designated school officials (DSOs) to ensure that F-1 students file their Forms I-765, “Application for Employment Authorization,” for optional practical training (OPT) within the 30-day period *after* the DSO:

- Authorizes the student for OPT in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and
- Provides the student with an updated Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status,” endorsed for OPT.

Please note that DSOs must complete these two steps above before the student files the Form I-765. DSOs should ensure that students who apply for OPT are aware of these requirements and file their Forms I-765 along with all required documentation within the specified 30-day period. Additional information and resources to assist students with filing for OPT are available on the [Optional Practical Training for F-1 Students](#) page at [USCIS.gov](#).

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