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August 8 Deadline for 7-Month, STEM OPT Extension

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Due to recent changes in the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, F-1 students currently participating in the STEM OPT extension are eligible to apply for an additional 7-months of work authorization. The deadline to apply for this benefit is Monday, August 8, 2016.

Applicants interested in the 7-month extension must properly file Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) with the required filing fee and documentation on or before August 8, 2016.

Interested applicants must have at least 150 days of valid employment authorization remaining on their current 17-month STEM OPT period as of the date Form I-765 is filed. Also to clarify, only F-1 students currently participating in the 17-month STEM OPT program are eligible for this 7-month extension.

Finally the applicant, their designated school official, and their employer must meet all the 24-month STEM OPT extension requirements. These requirements as well as further details on the changes to the OPT program can be found at the STEM OPT Hub.

Please contact an MVA Immigration Team Member to discuss any current or potential STEM OPT applicants you may have or questions in regards to this upcoming deadline.