

Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Application Guide for J-2 Dependents



Important Reminders

- J-2 employment applications can only be submitted with the paper I-765 application **by mail**.
- J-2 I-765 EAD applications **MUST** be submitted from inside the U.S. You must be physically present inside the U.S. when your application is received by USCIS. There are no exceptions.
- You must sign and date the I-765 by hand in black ink. USCIS rejects all digital and electronic signatures on the printed USCIS forms.

Monitor BIO's [Immigration Policy Updates & FAQs page](#) for updates regarding travel, employment and other issues. This page is updated as we receive new guidance from government agencies including USCIS.

EAD Application Guide for J-2 Dependents

Please note that this application guide is for instructional purposes only.

An EAD application to USCIS is your own personal application. You alone are responsible for the accuracy of your Form I-765, for timely filing, for including all required documentation, for including the correct fee, and for properly maintaining your J-2 status.

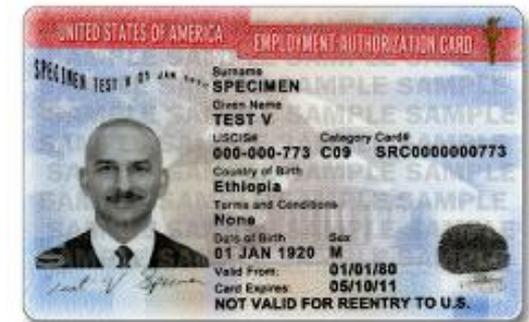
Please review the USCIS instructions in addition to this guide and consult with a BIO adviser if you have questions or if there are any inconsistencies.

What is the EAD?

The Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is an employment benefit available to J-2 dependents.

The EAD allows a J-2 dependent to work in any job, full-time or part-time.

Employment eligibility is based on the start and end dates listed on the EAD.



The Application Process: An Overview

1. Prepare and mail your application materials

Allow approximately 1 week to gather and organize your materials for mailing. **You must be present in the U.S. to apply for the EAD.**

2. Receive the Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

See current USCIS processing times for Form I-765, Service Center Operations (SCOPS) here: <https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/>

Step 1: Preparing & Mailing the EAD Application

Gather the required documentation.

- 2 U.S. Passport Photos (with name and I-94 number written lightly in pencil on back of each), taken within the past 30 days
- USCIS Fee. SEE the [USCIS Fee Schedule page](#) for current filing fee (select “I-765” from dropdown, scroll down to the “General Filing Fee” category and use the “Paper Filing Fee” in the chart)
- Form G-1145 to confirm receipt and obtain case number in advance of paper notification:
<https://www.uscis.gov/g-1145>
- Original form I-765: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765> SEE [I-765 SECTION](#) FOR DETAILS.
- J-2 Work Permission Letter (see [example](#))
- Photocopy of passport biographical page and visa stamp for the J-1 and J-2, if applicable
- Copy of J-2’s expired passport biographical page if you used that document to enter the U.S. most recently
- Photocopy of current DS-2019 documents for both the J-1 and J-2
- Photocopy of electronic I-94 record (found at <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/recent-search>) OR paper Form I-94 (both sides) for the J-1 and J-2
- Financial documentation. Photocopy of the funding documentation dated within the past six months (i.e. J-1 appointment letter on campus, employment letters from overseas, bank statements)
- Proof of marriage. Photocopy of marriage certification with [certification of translation](#) if not in English.
- Photocopy of previous EAD card(s), if applicable

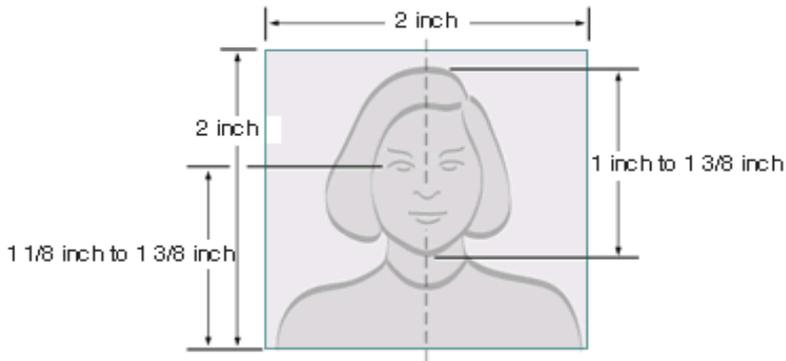
Make a copy of your complete application packet to keep for your personal records before sending your application to USCIS.

Gather the required documentation.

Passport Photo Requirements

The photos required to use for the EAD application must meet the specifications of U.S. style passport photos. To see a full description of these specifications, go to the [U.S. Department of State](http://www.state.gov) web site.

- Submit 2 identical color passport photos taken within 30 days of filing your application. The photos must have a white to off-white background, be printed on thin paper with a glossy finish, and be unmounted and unretouched. The passport-style photos must be 2" by 2". You must remove your glasses and your head must be bare unless you are wearing headwear as required by a religious order of which you are a member.
- Using pencil or felt tip (soft) pen, lightly print your name and I-94 number on the back of the photo. Do not damage the photo surface by pressing hard while writing.



Professional Photography

USCIS has been examining passport photos more strictly. BIO recommends J-2 dependents have their photos taken professionally. Recently, J-2 dependents have been visiting the following locations to obtain their photos.

Metro Publishing

2440 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/metro-publishing-berkeley>

Foto Shop

131 Berkeley Sq
Berkeley, CA 94704

<http://www.yelp.com/biz/foto-shop-berkeley>

Gather the required documentation.

USCIS Fee

****Please review the following [USCIS Filing Fees page](#) for the most current information on how to pay USCIS fees.**

- **USCIS Fee:** The **current fee** can be found on the [USCIS Fee Schedule page](#). Select “I-765, Application for Employment Authorization” from the dropdown. “General Filing” is the correct filing category and the “Paper Filing Fee” amount is the correct amount. You must pay the correct fee at the correct time. SEE THE [I-765 FORM/FEE UPDATE SECTION](#) BEFORE MAKING YOUR PAYMENT!
- Be sure to review your payment method for completeness and include it in your application.
- **Most denials are due to bad payments.** If you use a payment method that is not currently accepted by USCIS or pay the incorrect amount, your application will be denied.

PLEASE NOTE:

USCIS has announced that after **October 28th, 2025**, USCIS, paper checks and money order payments will **no longer be accepted**. After October 28th, 2025, USCIS will accept **only** ACH debit transactions using Form G-1650 or credit card payments using Form G-1450 for forms filed by paper without an exemption.

Please be sure to review the [USCIS Filing Fees page](#) for the most current information on how to pay USCIS fees.

Gather the required documentation.

Form G-1145

- Attach to the top of the EAD application packet.
- Use this form to request text and email notification(s) regarding your application. Download the form at <https://www.uscis.gov/g-1145>



e-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form G-1145

What Is the Purpose of This Form?

Use this form to request an electronic notification (e-Notification) when U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services accepts your immigration application. This service is available for applications filed at a USCIS Lockbox facility.

General Information

Complete the information below and clip this form to the first page of your application package. You will receive one e-mail and/or text message for each form you are filing.

We will send the e-Notification within 24 hours after we accept your application. Domestic customers will receive an e-mail and/or text message; overseas customers will only receive an e-mail. Undeliverable e-Notifications cannot be resent.

The e-mail or text message will display your receipt number and tell you how to get updated case status information. It will not include any personal information. The e-Notification does not grant any type of status or benefit; rather it is provided as a convenience to customers.

USCIS will also mail you a receipt notice (I-797C), which you will receive within 10 days after your application has been accepted; use this notice as proof of your pending application or petition.

USCIS Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITIES: The information requested on this form is collected pursuant to section 103(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended INA section 101, et seq.

PURPOSE: The primary purpose for providing the information on this form is to request an electronic notification when USCIS accepts immigration form. The information you provide will be used to send you a text and/or email message.

DISCLOSURE: The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information may prevent USCIS from providing you a text and/or email message regarding your immigration form.

ROUTINE USES: The information provided on this form will be used by and disclosed to DHS personnel and contractors in accordance with approved routine uses, as described in the associated published system of records notices (DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System and DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File (A-File) and Central Index System (CIS), which can be found at www.dhs.gov/privacy). The information may also be made available, as appropriate for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

Complete this form and clip it on top of the first page of your immigration form(s).

Applicant/Petitioner Full Last Name	Applicant/Petitioner Full First Name	Applicant/Petitioner Full Middle Name
Email Address		Mobile Phone Number (Text Message)

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I-765 Form & Fee Reminders

USCIS occasionally updates both the **I-765 FORM** and the **I-765 FEE**. Please pay attention if you are mailing your application to be sure you pay *exactly* the correct fee and use *exactly* the correct edition of the I-765 form. You DO NOT need to complete the I-765 Worksheet.

To confirm the correct edition of the I-765: Use ONLY the I-765 version indicated under the “Edition Date” on the USCIS website. The form edition date is found in the **lower left-hand corner** of the I-765 form.

1. Download I-765 form directly from the [USCIS I-765 website](#) just before mailing the application since USCIS updates the form frequently.
2. Confirm you are using the correct edition of the I-765 form.

To confirm the I-765 fee:

1. Go to the [USCIS Fee Schedule](#) page **ON THE DATE OF MAILING** to be certain you are paying the correct fee.
2. Scroll down to “Select a Form for Fee Information” and ensure that the I-765 form is selected.
3. In the chart below, in the “Filing Category” column, look for “General Filing.”
4. The correct amount is under the “Paper Filing Fee.”

Form Details

Close All Open All

Forms and Document Downloads

Edition Date

Where to File

When to File

Filing Fee

Select a Form for Fee Information

I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

[Visit the I-765 page for more information.](#)

Filing Category	Paper Filing Fee
General Filing	\$
Review all options below to confirm if you are eligible for a reduced fee or fee exemption.	

I-765 Form Instructions

How to fill out Form I-765

- Type or print legibly in black ink.
- Answer all questions fully and accurately.
- If a question does not apply to you, type or print “N/A”
- Print and complete ALL pages 1-7. If any pages are missing, your application will be rejected!
- Print all pages single-sided

Some parts of the I-765 can be confusing. The following slides will help you complete those “tricky” questions.

Contact BIO with ANY questions or uncertainties about completing the I-765.

Complete the Form I-765

Top Portion: leave this entire section blank

PART 1. Reason for Applying, pg. 1

#1a. *If you do not have an EAD based on your current J-2 status, check the box for “Initial permission to accept employment”*

#1c. *If you were already issued an EAD under J-2 status and are renewing your EAD, check “Renewal of my permission to accept employment (Attach a copy of your previous EAD)”.*

For USCIS Use Only	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid From	Fee Stamp	Action Block
	<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization/Extension Valid Through		
	Alien Registration Number A-	<i>Leave blank</i>	
	Remarks		
To be completed by an attorney or Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)-accredited representative (if any).		<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

- **START HERE - Type or print in black ink.** Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if you have never been married and the question asks, “Provide the name of your current spouse”), type or print “N/A” unless otherwise directed. If your answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, “How many children do you have” or “How many times have you departed the United States”), type or print “None” unless otherwise directed.

Part 1. Reason for Applying

I am applying for (select only one box):

- 1.a. Initial permission to accept employment.
- 1.b. Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document, or correction of my employment authorization document **NOT DUE** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) error.

NOTE: Replacement (correction) of an employment authorization document due to USCIS error does not require a new Form I-765 and filing fee. Refer to **Replacement for Card Error in the What is the Filing Fee** section of the Form I-765 Instructions for further details.

- 1.c. Renewal of my permission to accept employment. (Attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document.)

Complete the Form I-765

PART 2. Information About You, pg. 1

#1.a.-1.c. Name

Your entire family name should be in CAPITAL letters. Use upper & lower case for the first name. **Write your name exactly as it appears in the Surname/Primary Name and Given Name fields on your DS-2019.** Note that your DS-2019 does NOT use the Middle Name field!

U.S. Department of State				
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)				
1. Surname/Primary Name: Doe	Given Name: Jane	Gender: FEMALE		
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): 09-10-1995	City of Birth: Paris	Country of Birth: FRANCE	Citizenship Country Code: FR	Citizenship Country: FRANCE

#2-4: Other Names Used

Enter your previous names, including nicknames you have used in official records or documentation. If none, write "N/A"

If you are typing out the I-765 electronically, be aware that the form does not allow you to write the "/" character into these fields. You will need to hand-write the "N/A" wherever this appears in the instructions.

Part 2. Information About You

Your Full Legal Name

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)	FAMILY NAME
1.b. Given Name (First Name)	First Name
1.c. Middle Name	N/A

Other Names Used

Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6.

Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)	N/A
2.b. Given Name (First Name)	N/A
2.c. Middle Name	N/A
3.a. Family Name (Last Name)	N/A
3.b. Given Name (First Name)	N/A
3.c. Middle Name	N/A
4.a. Family Name (Last Name)	N/A
4.b. Given Name (First Name)	N/A
4.c. Middle Name	N/A

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PART 2. Information About You, pg. 2

U.S. Mailing Address

This is where you would like the Receipt Notice and the EAD card to be mailed. ***This is very important!***

The address should be valid for the current USCIS processing times. If you have plans to move during this time, use a reliable friend or family member's address to receive the EAD (indicate this in #5.a.) It is also possible to use a P.O. Box for mailing addresses.

OR- you can use your current address and [update your address with USCIS](#). Keep in mind that address changes can take 10 business days to process and could jeopardize your EAD delivery. We recommend keeping the same address for your entire EAD processing, if possible.

#5.a. If the mailing address belongs to someone other than yourself, put their full name (First Name Last Name) here. This person **MUST** be listed as a resident of the address with the U.S. Postal Service. If this is *your* address, write "N/A."

#5.b-5.e. Write a valid mailing address in the U.S. It may be a residence, commercial address, or PO Box. *You may not use BIO's address.*

#6. If you listed a mailing address that is **NOT** your current physical living address, select "No" and complete **#7.a-7.e.** with your current physical address. If "Yes," write "N/A" in **#7.a-7.e.** Physical address should reflect where you actually live.

Part 2. Information About You (continued)

Your U.S. Mailing Address

5.a. In Care Of Name (if any)

5.b. Street Number and Name

5.c. Apt. Ste. Flr.

5.d. City or Town

5.e. State 5.f. ZIP Code
(USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

6. Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?
 Yes No

If no, complete 7.a-7.d

NOTE: If you answered "No" to Item Number 6., provide your physical address below.

U.S. Physical Address

7.a. Street Number and Name

7.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

7.c. City or Town

7.d. State 7.e. ZIP Code

If you live outside of CA, please pay attention to the special mailing instructions later in the tutorial.

Complete the Form I-765

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Other Information

8. J Exchange Visitors do not have an A-Number, leave this blank.

9. J Exchange Visitors do not have a USCIS Online Account Number, leave this blank.

10. Check the box to indicate your gender.

11. Check “**Married**” if you are a J-2 spouse.

12.

Check “**No**” if you have never applied for an EAD.

Check “**Yes**” if you have previously applied for an EAD. *You will need to provide copies of your previous EADs.*

Other Information

8. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)

▶ A-

9. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

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10. Gender Male Female

11. Marital Status
 Single Married Divorced Widowed

12. Have you previously filed Form I-765?
 Yes No

If yes, you will need to provide copy(s) of your previous EAD(s)

Complete the Form I-765

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#13. Social Security Number (SSN)

13. Provide your Social Security number (SSN) (if known).

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PLEASE NOTE: The I-765 form no longer includes the option to request a Social Security Card. J-2 applicants must now apply for their SSN separately. You can apply for an SSN NO EARLIER than the start date of your approved EAD. See [How to Apply for an SSN](#).

IMPORTANT: If your form still includes questions about requesting an SSN, you are using an outdated version. [Please download the current edition of Form I-765](#) directly from the USCIS website to ensure your application is accepted. See the [I-765 Form and Fee reminders slide](#) for details.

Complete the Form I-765

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The responses to these questions are straightforward. Please complete them accurately.

#14. Countries of Citizenship, pg 2

List all as applicable (*use Part 6 of the I-765 if needed*) or write "N/A" in **14.b.** if you do not have multiple citizenships.

#15-16: Place of Birth, pg 3

List the name of the country as it was named when you were born, even if its name has changed

Make sure your Date of Birth is in the correct format of MONTH - DAY - YEAR. (*01/31/1998 not 31/01/1998*)

Your Country or Countries of Citizenship or Nationality

List all countries where you are currently a citizen or national. If you need extra space to complete this item, use the space provided in **Part 6. Additional Information**.

14.a. Country

Australia

14.b. Country

N/A

Part 2. Information About You (continued)

Place of Birth

List the city/town/village, state/province, and country where you were born.

15.a. City/Town/Village of Birth

Brisbane

15.b. State/Province of Birth

Queensland

15.c. Country of Birth

Australia

16. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

01/31/1998

Complete the Form I-765

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Information About Your Last Arrival

#17. I-94 Number

Use your current [I-94 number](#). This is at the number found on the electronic I-94 record or on the top left corner of the paper Form I-94 card (see example). I-94 numbers issued prior to May 2019 are 11 characters long and contain only numbers. Example: 01234567890. I-94 numbers starting in May 2019 have a format of 9 numbers, followed by a letter, then another number. Example: 012345678A1.

#18. Passport Information

Enter the information directly from your passport. This passport should match the country on your I-20.

In cases where you entered the US on a passport that is now expired, **enter the number of your expired passport**. (You will provide information on the **new** passport on pg. 7 of the application.)

#19. Travel Document

Write "None" here.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 0123456781A

Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 March 06

Class of Admission : F1

Admit Until Date : D/S

Details provided on the I-94 information form:

Last/Surname :
First (Given) Name :
Birth Date :
Passport Number :
Country of Issuance :

Get Travel History

► Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(i).

► If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission information, present your admission (I-94) number along with any additional required documents requested by that employer or agency.

► Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your browser after you have finished retrieving your I-94 number.

Information About Your Last Arrival in the United States

17. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)

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18. Passport Number of Your Most Recently Issued Passport

YG000954R

19. Travel Document Number (if any)

None

20. Country That Issued Your Passport or Travel Document

Australia

21. Expiration Date for Passport or Travel Document

(mm/dd/yyyy)

03/01/2024

Complete the Form I-765

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#22 Date of Last Entry into the U.S.

Your most recent entry date can be found on your passport admission stamp, electronic I-94 record, or paper I-94 card.

#23 Place of Last Arrival into the U.S.

Name of the Port of Entry city from your most recent entry. This information can be found on your passport admission stamp, travel history section of your electronic I-94 record, or paper I-94 card (usually as a code, i.e. "SFR" for San Francisco). If you drove across the border, write the name of the city where you entered the U.S.

#24 Immigration Status at Last Entry

Status in which you entered the U.S. If you entered with a J-2 DS-2019, write "J-2 Dependent."

#25 Current Immigration Status

Current status should be "J-2 Dependent." If not, talk to a BIO adviser, and this status should be reflected on your current I-94.

#26 SEVIS ID

Your SEVIS ID appears on the top right side of your DS-2019 and starts with N00...

22. Date of Your Last Arrival Into the United States, On or About (mm/dd/yyyy)

23. Place of Your Last Arrival Into the United States

24. Immigration Status at Your Last Arrival (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, or no status)

25. Your Current Immigration Status or Category (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, parolee, deferred action, or no status or category)

26. Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)

▶ N-

Complete the Form I-765

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#27. Eligibility Category

Use the code **(c) (5)** for *J-2 Employment*.

DO NOT USE a different code!

Information About Your Eligibility Category

- 27. Eligibility Category.** Refer to the **Who May File Form I-765** section of the Form I-765 Instructions to determine the appropriate eligibility category for this application. Enter the appropriate letter and number for your eligibility category below (for example, (a)(8), (c)(17)(iii)).

(**C**) (**5**) ()

#28-31.b. Other Eligibility Categories: (c)(3)(c), (c)(26), (c)(8), (c)(35), (c)(36)

Write “N/A” in these fields. These questions are for *other* types of I-765 applications for *other* visa categories. They are NOT related to J-2 employment

- 28. (c)(3)(C) STEM OPT Eligibility Category.** If you entered the eligibility category (c)(3)(C) in **Item Number 27.**, provide the information requested in **Item Numbers 28.a - 28.c.**

28.a. Degree

28.b. Employer's Name as Listed in E-Verify

- 28.c. Employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a Valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number**

- 29. (c)(26) Eligibility Category.** If you entered the eligibility category (c)(26) in **Item Number 27.**, provide the receipt number of your H-1B spouse's most recent Form I-797 Notice for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

- 30. (c)(8) Eligibility Category.** If you entered the eligibility category (c)(8) in **Item Number 27.**, have you **EVER** been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?

Leave blank Yes No

NOTE: If you answered “Yes” to **Item Number 30.**, refer to **Special Filing Instructions for Those With Pending Asylum Applications (c)(8)** in the **Required Documentation** section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.

- 31.a. (c)(35) and (c)(36) Eligibility Category.** If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) in **Item Number 27.**, please provide the receipt number of your Form I-797 Notice for Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(36) in **Item Number 27.**, please provide the receipt number of your spouse's or parent's Form I-797 Notice for Form I-140.

- 31.b.** If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) or (c)(36) in **Item Number 27.**, have you **EVER** been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime? Yes No

Leave blank

NOTE: If you answered “Yes” to **Item Number 31.b.**, refer to **Employment-Based Nonimmigrant Categories, Items 8. - 9.**, in the **Who May File Form I-765** section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.

Complete the Form I-765

PART 3. Applicant's Statement, pg. 4

#1.a. Select 1.a. to indicate that you have read and understood the questions.

#3-6: Provide your information as requested

Part 3. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-765 Instructions before completing this section. You must file Form I-765 while in the United States.

Applicant's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

- 1.a. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.
- 1.b. The interpreter named in **Part 4**, read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in , a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.
2. At my request, the preparer named in **Part 5**, , prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Applicant's Contact Information

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number
4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)
5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)
6. Select this box if you are a Salvadoran or Guatemalan national eligible for benefits under the ABC settlement agreement.

Complete the Form I-765

PART 3, pg. 4-5

Applicant's Declaration and Certification

Read the entire declaration carefully.

Applicant's Signature

#7.a.-7.b. Hand sign your name and provide the date of the signature in black ink.

Important!

Because your signature will be scanned at USCIS, it must **fit within the box**. It must NOT touch the box outline. If it touches a line, your application could be delayed.

You must sign and date by hand in black ink. Do NOT use any form of e-signature including those that are replicas of your exact hand-written signature. Print the form and sign it with an actual pen. **USCIS will DENY applications with e-signatures.**

Troubleshooting Signature Line:

In some cases the "Don't forget to sign!" automatic reminder will not disappear when you print the form. You should remove the auto filled "Don't forget to sign!"

We recommend trying to...

- open the form in the most recent version of Adobe Reader.
- print a blank version of the form's second page from your web browser.

Applicant's Declaration and Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS

Applicant's Signature

7.a. Applicant's Signature



Your signature here (don't touch the lines)

7.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

MM/DD/YYYY

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Complete the Form I-765

PARTS 4 and 5, pgs. 5-6

These sections are not applicable to you, since you've completed the form yourself, so write "N/A." This section is for those who use an interpreter or translator, or other paid preparer (i.e. an attorney) to complete the form.

Part 4 pg. 5

Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter's Full Name

- 1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)
N/A
- 1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)
N/A
- 2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)
N/A

Part 4. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Interpreter's Mailing Address

- 3.a. Street Number and Name N/A
- 3.b. Apt. Ste. Flr. _____
- 3.c. City or Town _____
- 3.d. State 3.e. ZIP Code _____
- 3.f. Province _____
- 3.g. Postal Code _____
- 3.h. Country _____

Interpreter's Contact Information

- 4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number N/A
- 5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any) _____
- 6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any) _____

Interpreter's Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:
I am fluent in English and N/A, which is the same language specified in Part 3, Item Number 1.b., and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the Applicant's Declaration and Certification, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter's Signature

- 7.a. Interpreter's Signature _____

Part 5 pg. 6

Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant (continued)

Preparer's Statement

- 7.a. I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.
- 7.b. I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited ay need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, with this application.

Preparer's Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the Applicant's Declaration and Certification, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

- 8.a. Preparer's Signature N/A
- 8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) N/A

Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant

Provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

- 1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name) N/A
- 1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name) N/A
- 2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any) N/A

Preparer's Mailing Address

- 3.a. Street Number and Name N/A
- 3.b. Apt. Ste. Flr. _____
- 3.c. City or Town _____
- 3.d. State 3.e. ZIP Code _____
- 3.f. Province _____
- 3.g. Postal Code _____
- 3.h. Country _____

Preparer's Contact Information

- 4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number N/A
- 5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any) N/A
- 6. Preparer's Email Address (if any) N/A

Complete the Form I-765

PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

#1.a.-1.c. Provide your name again as listed in Part 2, 1.a-1.c.

#2. Leave blank

#3.a-3.c. Reference Pg. 3, Part 2, Item 27

#3d.

See attached evidence:

Copy of J-1 DS-2019, visa, passport, I-94

Copy of J-2 DS-2019, visa, passport, I-94 for applicant

Financial documents

Proof of marriage (or if J-2 child is applying include birth certificate)

Part 6. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2. A-Number (if any) ▶ A-

3.a. Page Number 3.b. Part Number 3.c. Item Number

3.d.

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PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7, if you:

Have previously filed Form I-765 (this is a J-2 EAD renewal application, or you have otherwise applied for an EAD) complete sections 4a through 4d.

#4.a-4.c. Reference Pg. 2, Part 2, Item 12

#4d. List all previous J-2 work authorizations or other employment authorization documents (EADs). Include the dates, receipt numbers, “See attached documentation for previous work authorizations.”

4.a. Page Number	4.b. Part Number	4.c. Item Number
2	2	12

4.d. List all previous J-2 work authorizations or other employment authorization documents (EADs). Include the dates, receipt numbers, “See attached documentation for previous work authorizations.”

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PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7, if you:

Most recently entered the US on a passport that is no longer valid and you now have a renewed passport.

PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

#1.a.-1.c. Provide your name again as listed in Part 2, 1.a-1.c.

#2. Leave blank

#3.a-3.c. Reference Pg. 3, Part 2, Item 21.d.

#3d. Write an explanation that clarifies that you have two passports: one that you used for entry but is no longer valid, and one that is currently valid.

#3.d. Include copies of both passports and your I-94 with your application.

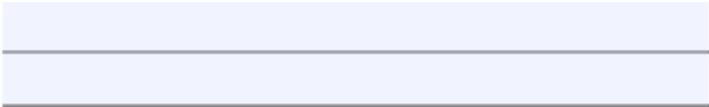
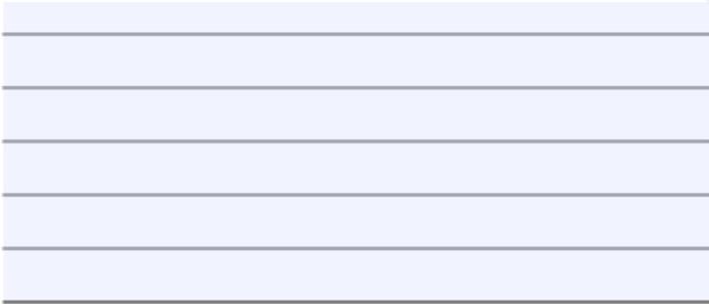
4.a. Page Number	4.b. Part Number	4.c. Item Number
3	2	18
4.d.		
I most recently entered the US on MM-DD-YYYY		
with passport ##### and was issued I-94		
#####. Since this date, I have renewed my		
passport. The number of my new passport is		
#####. See attached copies of both passports		
and the I-94.		

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PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7

You must add your signature and the date to page 7.

Simply sign and date in the blank space at the bottom of page 7.



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Complete the Form I-765



You are done with the I-765!

1. Review all the information on the form for accuracy. You must submit **ALL** pages of the I-765.
2. Make a copy of your completed I-765 application to keep for your records, in case there is a problem with the application.
3. Next, gather the additional required documentation and copies. See the following slides.

Gather the required documentation.

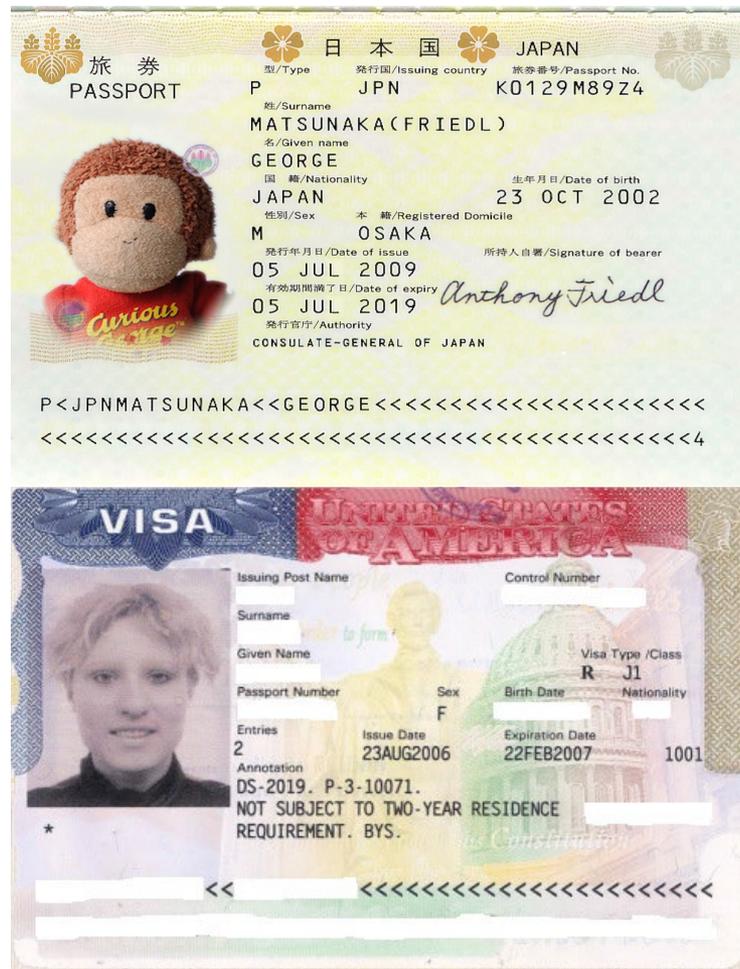
J-2 Work Permission Letter

- USCIS wants to ensure the employment of a J-2 dependent is for customary recreational and cultural activities, therefore they require a work permission letter showing the J-1 has sufficient funding for the length of their program.
- For template Work Permission Letter, see this [example](#).
 - Please use this template letter for the EAD application because USCIS generally requires the applicant present a breakdown of monthly expenses.
- If your J-2 status is valid for more than one year, add the following statement to the Work Permission Letter: "I would like to request employment until the end date of my DS-2019 on **include your actual end date here**, under federal regulations 8 CFR274a.12(a) and (c)."

Gather the required documentation.

Photocopy of Passport and Visa for J-1 and J-2:

- Photocopy the passport biographic page (with photo and passport expiration date); passport must be valid into the future.
- Photocopy the visa, if applicable; visa can be expired.



Gather the required documentation.

Photocopy of J-1 and J-2 current DS-2019 documents:

- Keep the original.
- J-1 scholar should sign the original J-1 DS-2019 and J-2 should sign the original J-2 DS-2019 before making copies.

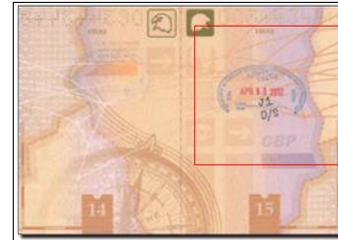
U.S. Department of State CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)					ONE APPROVAL NO 1495-9119 09/03/2011 ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min *See Page 2
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): 04-10-1981		City of Birth: Binzhou, Shandong	Country of Birth: CHINA	Citizenship Country Code: CH	Citizenship Country: CHINA
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: CH		Legal Permanent Residence Country: CHINA	Passport Code: 214	Passport: UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS	
Primary Site of Activity: UC Berkeley Campus 1598 Cory Hall Dept. of MSH Berkeley, CA 94720-1768					
3. Program Sponsor: University of California at Berkeley			Program Number: P-1-00352		
Participating Program (Official Description): PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT INTERM; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE					
Purpose of this form: Extend an on-going program					
3. Form Covers Period:		4. Exchange Visitor Category:			
From (mm-dd-yyyy): 07-01-2013		RESEARCH SCHOLAR			
To (mm-dd-yyyy): 11-01-2017		Subject/Field Code Remarks: 40-0509 Research in Environmental Chemistry			
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Current: Program Sponsor funds : \$144,300.00 Lawrence Berkeley National Lab : \$149,389.00 Total : \$293,689.00					
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE / DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATES)			7. Nicole Schwab		Alternate Responsible Officer
			Name of Official Preparing Form Berkeley International Office 2299 Piedmont Ave. Berkeley, CA 94704		Title 510-643-2412 Telephone Number 09-17-2016 Date (mm-dd-yyyy)
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRAVELER OF PROGRAM) Effect in date (mm-dd-yyyy) 11-02-2015 Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number 01-06007 sponsored by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to the program specified in item 1 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.			Supervisor Yared, Tamar		
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer			Date (mm-dd-yyyy) of Signature		
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 101(b) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 86-38, AS AMENDED (see item 1b) of page 2.				TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*)	
The Exchange Visitor in the above program:				*EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirement.				(1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirement based on:				9/19/2016 Nicole Schwab Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer	
A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing and/or				(2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time	
B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or				Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-481 as amended				Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer	
Name			Title		
Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer			Date (mm-dd-yyyy)		
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(d).					
EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.					
Signature of Applicant			Place		Date (mm-dd-yyyy)

Gather the required documentation.

Photocopy of I-94 Information (For J-1 and J-2):

The I-94 can be *either*:

- An electronic I-94 record. Visit www.cbp.gov/i94 to access and print your record
- OR -
- a paper I-94 card stapled into your passport. Include a copy of both sides, even though the back side may be blank
- OR -
- a copy of an I-797 Change of Status Approval Notice which includes a new I-94



U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

Get I-94 Number: I-947AG

Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 8900688062

Admit Until Date (MMDDYYYY): 01/5

(Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:

Family Name: LI

First Given Name: LINA

Birth Date (MMDDYYYY): 01/01/1980

Passport Number: P12323213

Passport Country of Issuance: Mexico

Date of Entry (MMDDYYYY): 04/11/2012

Class of Admission: J1

Individuals can visit www.cbp.gov/i94 to retrieve a copy of their electronic Form I-94.



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Departure Record

Arrival Number: 123456789 01

18. Family Name

19. First (Given) Name

20. Birth Date (DDMMYY)

21. Country of Citizenship

CBP Form I-94
STAPLE HERE

Gather the required documentation.

Financial Documentation Can Be:

- Funding letter used to obtain the J-2 visa stamp at the US embassy.
- Funding letter submitted to UC Berkeley for the DS-2019 documents.
- Income letter from home country
- Personal funds, etc.
- UC Berkeley Salary, please include last 3 pay statements.



In addition to the above, include copies of current U.S. and/or home country bank statements.

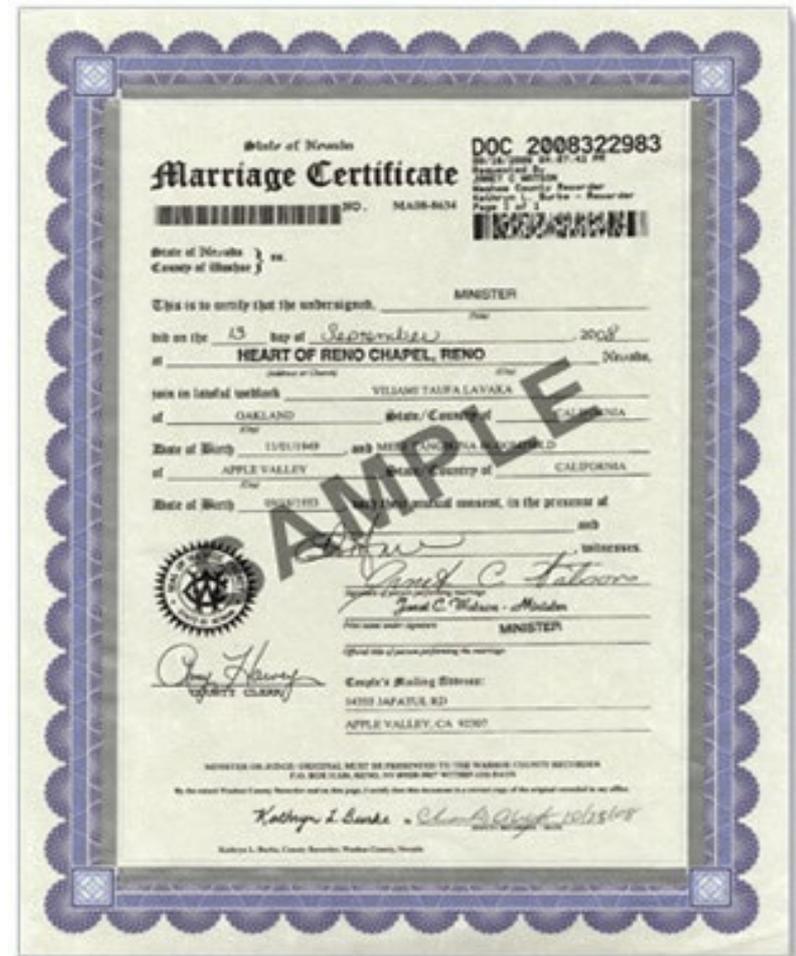
All financial documentation must be dated within the past 6 months.

For questions about financial documentation, please see an adviser at BIO.

Gather the required documentation.

Proof of Marriage

- Photocopy of marriage certificate.
- Include [certification of translation](#), if not in English.



Mailing the I-765 Application

Review the current filing address for the I-765 ON THE DATE OF MAILING at <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765-addresses>

Home > Forms > All Forms > Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

If you are filing [Form I-765](#) with another form, file both forms at the location specified by the other form. For example, if you are filing Form I-765 with a Form I-539, file both forms according to the Form I-539 Instructions. Use addresses below only when you are NOT submitting Form I-765 with another form.

[Close All](#) [Open All](#)

Asylees/refugees and their spouses and children	▼
Categories based on nationality	▼
Foreign students	▼
Eligible dependents of employees of diplomatic missions, international organizations, or NATO	▼

BIO recommends FedEx as a reliable option. If using US Postal Service, choose *Express or Priority Mail* option. Be sure your mailing option includes *tracking and guaranteed delivery*.

1. Click on the Foreign Students section.
2. Find your eligibility category (c)(5).
3. Choose the address based on your type of mailing: Either U.S. Postal Service or private courier (FedEx, UPS, DHL) Write the address EXACTLY as indicated on the webpage.

Step 2:

Receive the Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

I-797 Notice of Action

■ The I-797 is very important.

If you lose the receipt, it may be difficult to replace it.

■ The I-797 is necessary if you want to inquire about the status of your EAD application.

Receipt Number

The case number for the EAD application at USCIS. Check the status of the case on the USCIS web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>

Received Date

Date when USCIS begins processing the application. (It may not be the actual date the application was received, but it is when the case was entered into the system.)

Address Information

Verify the name and address on the I-765 receipt notice.

If incorrect, contact a BIO adviser immediately.

Contacting USCIS

If you have any problems or questions with the EAD application, contact a BIO adviser before calling the USCIS Customer Service.

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

THIS NOTICE DOES NOT GRANT ANY IMMIGRATION STATUS OR BENEFIT.

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

NOTICE TYPE Receipt	NOTICE DATE April 13, 2012
RECEIPT NUMBER I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	RECEIVED DATE April 11, 2012
USCIS ALIEN NUMBER	PAGE 1 of 1
	DATE OF BIRTH December 12, 1982

Your Name
Mailing Address Listed on your I-765
Berkeley, CA

APPLICANT/PETITIONER NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

The above application/petition has been received by our office and is in process.
Please verify your personal information listed above and immediately notify the USCIS National Customer Service Center at the phone number listed below if there are any changes.
Please note that if a priority date is printed on this notice, the priority does not reflect earlier retained priority dates.

If you have questions about possible immigration benefits and services, filing information, or USCIS forms, please call the USCIS National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at **1-800-375-5283**. If you are hearing impaired, please call the NCSC TDD at **1-800-767-1833**. Please also refer to the USCIS website: www.uscis.gov.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notice or the status of your case, please contact our customer service number. You will be notified separately about any other case you may have filed.

Payment Information:
Application/Petition Fee: \$380.00
Biometrics Fee: \$0.00
Total Amount Received: \$380.00
Total Balance Due: \$0.00

USCIS Office Address:
USCIS
California Service Center
P.O. Box 30111
Laguna Nigel, CA 92607-0111

USCIS Customer Service Number:
(800)375-5283

Form I-797C, Lockbox (LB) 01/02/12 Y

USCIS Issues & Tracking Your Case

Case Status Updates

Sign up for an account at <https://www.uscis.gov>. This will allow you to receive automatic updates and monitor your case. Click “Check Your Case Status” and then select “Sign Up”.

General Case Tracking:

If you don’t sign up for an account, you can still track your case using the “Check Your Case Status” Tool

Address Changes:

If your address changes, you can update it online through the “Change of Address” tool. Keep in mind that address changes can take 10 business days to process and could jeopardize your EAD delivery. We recommend keeping the same address for your entire EAD processing, if possible.

Case Inquiries:

You can submit inquiries about your case using the Case Inquiry tool, if you don’t receive your receipt or other notifications, or if your EAD has been pending for more than 75 days.

The screenshot shows the USCIS Case Status Online page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the USCIS logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". Below the logo are four menu items: NEWS, CITIZENSHIP, GREEN CARD, and TOOLS. The main heading is "CASE STATUS ONLINE". Below this is a form labeled "Enter a Receipt Number" with a question mark icon. A large empty text box is provided for entering the number. Below the text box is a "CHECK STATUS" button. Underneath the button is a link for "PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT". At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Why sign up for an account?" with a "Click Here" link. To the right of this section are two buttons: "ACCOUNT LOGIN" and "SIGN UP". Below the "Why sign up..." section is a "RELATED TOOLS" section with four cards: "Change of Address" (MAKE UPDATES), "Submit a Case Inquiry" (GET HELP), "USCIS Processing Times Information" (INQUIRE), and "USCIS Office Locations" (LOCATE).

Application Problems- RFE or Rejection or Denial

RFE- If there is a problem with your application, the USCIS may send you a notice by mail called a “**Request for Evidence (RFE).**” An RFE does not mean that your application has been rejected. It simply means that you need to send in additional documents before your EAD can be issued.

- Getting an RFE will delay the processing of your application
- You must respond by the due date on the notice

Rejection or Denial- In some cases, if too many items are missing from your application or if USCIS determines you are not eligible for a J-2 EAD, USCIS will return the entire application to you or they may deny the application. If this happens, contact a BIO adviser to discuss next steps.

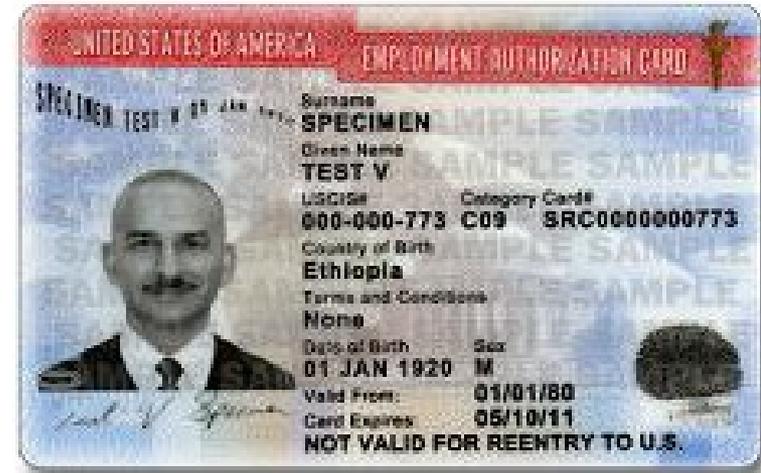
Contact BIO IMMEDIATELY if you receive an RFE, rejection, or denial.

To avoid delays, review your application materials for completeness and sign all the forms before mailing them to the USCIS.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services		Notice of Action
APP	Application/Petition I-129F Petition for Alien Fiancé(e)	
Receipt #	Applicant/Petitioner	
LIN-	Beneficiary	
Notice Date JUNE 23, 2006	Page 1 of 3	
Request for Evidence		
<small>IMPORTANT: WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLIED WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS FORM, RESUBMIT THIS NOTICE ON TOP OF ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTS AND/OR INFORMATION TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. THIS OFFICE HAS RETAINED YOUR PETITION/APPLICATION WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.</small>		<small>THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS OFFICE NO LATER THAN EIGHTY-FOUR (84) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION WITHIN THE TIME ALLOTTED, YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED ABANDONED PURSUANT TO 8 C.F.R. 103.2(b) (1) AND, AS SUCH, WILL BE DENIED.</small>
CSC DIV V		
RETURN THIS NOTICE ON TOP OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET.		
<p>Note: You are given until SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 in which to submit the information requested.</p> <p>Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 103.2(b)(11) failure to submit <u>ALL</u> evidence requested at <u>one time</u> may result in the denial of your petition.</p> <p>For more information, visit our website at WWW.USCIS.gov</p> <p>Or call us at 1-800-375-5283</p> <p>Telephone service for the hearing impaired: 1-800-767-1833</p>		
<small>You will be notified separately about any other applications or petitions you filed. Save a photocopy of this notice. Please enclose a copy of it if you write to us about this case, or if you file another application based on this decision. Our address is:</small>		
<small>U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER P.O. BOX 10590 LAGUNA HIGUEL, CA 92607-0590 (949) 831-8427</small>		<small>Bar Code Label Here</small>
<small>Form I-797 (1/00)</small>		<small>Please see additional information on the back.</small>

The Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

- Official approval of work authorization in the United States.
- Review card to make sure the information is accurate. If not, consult with a BIO adviser.
- Present your EAD to employers as a form of work authorization.
- J-2 dependents are only eligible to work on the validity dates indicated on the card.



Avoiding Immigration Scams

It is very rare for USCIS to contact you via phone regarding your application. If you receive a phone call from a person claiming to work for USCIS or any other government agency, **do not provide your personal information to them.** Note the person's name and phone number and contact Berkeley International Office before responding.

- See USCIS's website on how to avoid [immigration scams](#), report fraud, and find [authorized legal services](#).
- You can report immigration scams by contacting the FTC. Please visit the USCIS [Avoid Scams Initiative](#) website to learn more about avoiding immigration scams and reporting fraud.

General Tips for Travelers

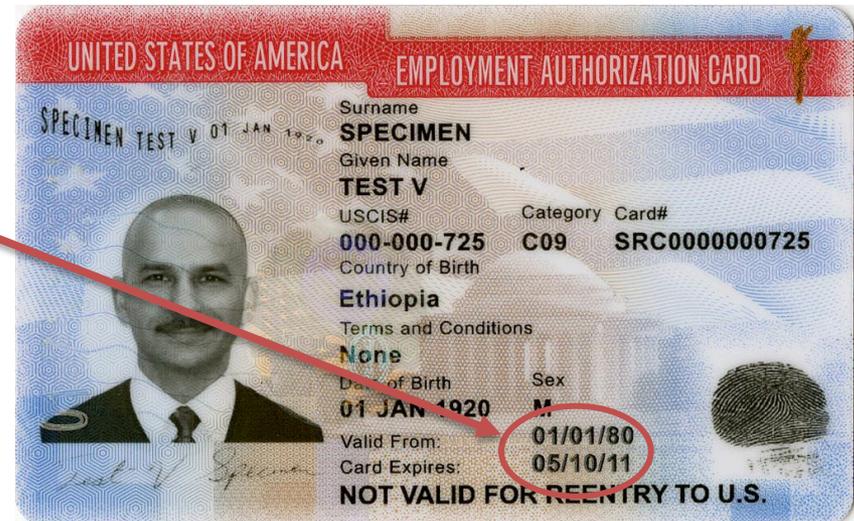
- Be sure to have ALL necessary [documents for travel and re-entry](#) to the US.
- Don't enter the U.S. in a status other than J-2 unless willing to give up the EAD and other benefits associated with J-2 status.
- Consult a BIO adviser if your Form DS-2019 has expired or will expire within 30 days of your expected return to the U.S.

Travel Before EAD Card is received

- Must be in the U.S. to apply for the EAD.
- There are increased risks of traveling outside of the U.S. while your EAD application is pending. Please consult with a BIO adviser before planning international travel.

Renewal of EAD – Important Reminders

- You can **ONLY** work during the dates listed on the approved EAD card – **NOT** before or after. **Please review your employment authorization dates closely.**
- The expiration date specifies when your work authorization ends. If your extended EAD has **not arrived** before your card expires, you will need to stop working.
- Please note that there is **no 180-day extension while the J-2 EAD renewal is pending.** This benefit is not available to the J-2 EAD renewal application.



Eligibility to Renew EAD and Application Timeline

- You can only apply for a new EAD if the J-1's program in the U.S. has been extended and/or if the EAD dates are shorter than the DS-2019 dates.
- The J-2 can apply for a new EAD authorization up to 180 days before the current EAD expires. If you have future plans in the U.S., please make sure the J-1 works with their department 5-6 months prior to the DS-2019 end date to extend the program in a timely manner.
- After reapplying, it may take 3-5 months to receive the new EAD. **Please note:** If your EAD for your renewal has not been approved by the time it expires, you will need to stop working until you have your new EAD card.

Renewal of EAD

- Part 1, #1: To apply for the renewal of the EAD, on the I-765, check “Renewal of my permission to accept employment (Attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document.)”
- Part 2, #12: Answer “Yes” to “Have you ever previously filed Form I-765?”
- Part 6. #4a-4d (page 7): You will then also need to complete and sign **PART 6, Additional Information, pg. 7 question 4a-4d.**

Part 1. Reason for Applying

I am applying for (select **only one** box):

- 1.a. Initial permission to accept employment.
- 1.b. Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document, or correction of my employment authorization document **NOT DUE** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) error.

NOTE: Replacement (correction) of an employment authorization document due to USCIS error does not require a new Form I-765 and filing fee. Refer to **Replacement for Card Error** in the **What is the Filing Fee** section of the Form I-765 Instructions for further details.

- 1.c. Renewal of my permission to accept employment. (Attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document.)

Other Information

8. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)
▶ A-
9. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)
▶
10. Gender Male Female
11. Marital Status
 Single Married Divorced Widowed
12. Have you previously filed Form I-765?
 Yes No



Contact Us:

<http://internationaloffice.berkeley.edu/contact-us>

When calling/emailing our office, please tell us your J-1 spouse's name and SEVIS ID or Date of Birth.