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Subject: August 8 is the Deadline to Apply to Add 7 Months to a 17-Month STEM OPT Extension

If you currently have a 17-month STEM OPT extension, you may apply to add 7 months to your STEM OPT period. If you want to apply for this 7-month extension, you must properly file your [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#) (with the required fee and signature) on or before August 8, 2016. USCIS will deny applications filed after August 8, 2016.

You may apply to add 7 months to your 17-month STEM OPT period if:

- You are currently participating in STEM OPT based on a 17-month extension;
- You request the additional 7-month period by filing a new Form I-765 between May 10, 2016 and August 8, 2016, and within 60 days of the date your designated school official's enters the recommendation for the 24-month OPT extension into your SEVIS record;
- You have at least 150 days of valid employment authorization remaining on your 17-month STEM OPT period on the date you properly file your new Form I-765; and
- You, your designated school official, and your employer meet all the 24-month STEM OPT extension requirements.

For more information on the STEM OPT extension, visit our [Optional Practical Training Extension for STEM Students \(STEM OPT\)](#) page

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