



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
IMMIGRATION, AND STUDY ABROAD

**F-1 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES
WHILE ON PRE-COMPLETION OPT**

During your period of authorized pre-completion OPT, you are continuing in your F-1 student status and have legal responsibilities. Below is a list of these responsibilities. Please read them carefully and sign the acknowledgement below to indicate you understand them.

1. Work only in your major field of study and within the dates that you have been authorized on your EAD.
2. DHS regulations state, “A student who still has coursework remaining to complete his or her educational objective or degree program is limited to 20 hours per week of Optional Practical Training while school is in session. [8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(A)(2)]. Such a student can, however, apply for full-time authorization during his or her annual vacation, and during other official school breaks. 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii) (A)(1)].
3. It is strongly recommended that you keep a record and supporting evidence of all your OPT-related activities such as:
 - Details of job searches, correspondence with prospective employers, interviews, etc.
 - Employment information: dates, name/location of employer, position, part/full time. Please note that federal law requires a volunteer may not assume a normally paid position or displace a U.S. worker.
4. You are required to report the following information to our office:
 - Change of name
 - Change of address
5. Completing your present course of study or transferring to a different U.S. school automatically terminates OPT employment
6. Obtain a DSO’s endorsement to travel every twelve months
7. Employment authorization is automatically suspended in the event of a strike or other labor dispute involving work stoppage at the place of employment [8CFR 214.2(f)(14)]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE ON PRE-OPT

I have read and understand my F-1 student status responsibilities while I am on pre-OPT.

My Signature

My name (print)

Date