

How can I check the status of my OPT application after I mail it to the USCIS?

When you receive your USCIS Notice of Action (receipt), visit [USCIS Case Status Online](#)(link is external) and enter your receipt number.

How do I contact the USCIS?

The number on the Notice of Action (1-800-375-5283) is the National Customer Service line. Have the receipt number ready before you call.

Is there any way to change the information on the EAD application (address, dates, etc.) once I have mailed the application?

After you have mailed your application to USCIS no changes can be made except for address updates. To update your address, visit your [USCIS.gov Case Status page](#)(link is external) OR contact the National Customer Service line at (1-800-375-5283). Withdrawing the OPT application is very difficult and the fee is non-refundable. If the OPT has been approved, it is not possible to withdraw.

How long can I stay in the U.S. after the end date of my OPT?

You have 60 days after your OPT ends to leave the U.S., request a transfer of your I-20, or change your status. You cannot work during this time.

Does my spouse or children get a new OPT I-20 too?

Yes, if you did not receive OPT I-20s for your family, contact Webster International Office.

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Invitation

After your OPT application is approved **AND** the OPT authorization is active, you will get an invitation email within a few days from do-not-reply.SEVP@ice.dhs.gov. (For example, if your card is approved on December 10, and the start date on the card is December 15, the invitation will be sent after December 15.)

When you create your account, you will be asked to enter your SEVIS ID number and create a password. You can find your SEVIS ID in the top left corner of your Form I-20, below the words

Carefully review the password guidelines for the portal here:

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Can I go to school while on OPT?

Time spent going to school should only be an incidental part of your stay in the U.S. If you decide to go back to school full-time, you must speak to Webster IRIS about transferring your I-

You report your first 6 Months STEM OPT Report
You request a Cap Gap I-20

If your I-20 has to be mailed to you, you will receive a FedEx email notification with tracking number.

-20 when:

Your address has changed
Your supervisor, contact information of your employer has changed
You report 12 Months STEM OPT Report

How do I request a Transfer OUT from Webster to another school?

[Transfer Out Request](#)