

## **USCIS** Update

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## USCIS MODIFIES APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Previous Versions of Form I-765 Accepted until July 8, 2008

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that it has revised <u>Form I-765</u>, Application for Employment Authorization. The form now includes additional eligibility codes.

These changes have been made in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security's recent interim final rule regarding Optional Practical Training (OPT), published on April 8, 2008 in the **Federal Register**. The rule modifies the conditions and duration of OPT for qualified F-1 non-immigrant students.

USCIS will accept the July 30, 2007 edition of the form through July 8, 2008. As of July 9, 2008, USCIS will only accept the revised Form I-765, dated April 8, 2008, and will reject all requests using previous editions of the form.

The main purpose of Form I-765 is to allow certain aliens in the United States to request employment authorization and an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

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