

A student who has applied for a STEM extension can continue working for up to 180 days beyond the expiration of the prior post-completion OPT EAD while the STEM extension application is pending per (USCIS regulation) 8 C.F.R. § [274a.12\(b\)\(6\)\(iv\)](#) (See below)

274a.12(b)(6)(iv)

(iv) A Form I-766, "Employment Authorization Document," under 8 CFR [274a.12\(c\)\(3\)\(i\)\(C\)](#) based on a 24-month STEM Optional Practical Training extension, and whose timely filed Form I-765, "Application for Employment Authorization," is pending and Form I-766 issued under 8 CFR [274a.12\(c\)\(3\)\(i\)\(B\)](#) has expired. Employment is authorized beginning on the expiration date of Form I-766 issued under 8 CFR [274a.12\(c\)\(3\)\(i\)\(B\)](#) and ending on the date of USCIS' written decision on Form I-765, but not to exceed 180 days.