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i ALERT: If you filed Form I-765 based on a grant of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or a pending TPS application, please see the TPS section below for more information on TPS-specific requirements for the automatic EAD extension.

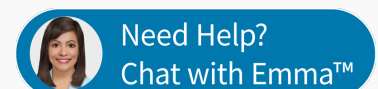
If you filed Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to renew your expiring Employment Authorization Document (EAD), you may qualify for an up to 540-day automatic extension of the expiration date printed on your EAD while your application is pending. You qualify for this automatic extension if:

- The Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice you received for your pending Form I-765 renewal application has a “Received Date” that is before the “Card Expires” date shown on the face of your EAD;
- The Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice has a “Received Date” on or after May 4, 2022 or, the Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice has a “Received Date” before May 4, 2022, but the Form I-765 renewal application was pending on May 4, 2022;
- Your renewal application is under a category that is eligible for an automatic extension (see the list of categories below); **and**
- The category on your current EAD matches the “Eligibility Category” or “Class Requested” listed on your Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice. (The table below lists exceptions for certain categories.)

If all the above factors are true, then your employment authorization or EAD, or both, are automatically extended for up to 540 days while your EAD renewal application is pending. To determine your auto-extended **EAD expiration date**, please see the “Automatic Extension Eligibility Calculator” below.

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Categories Eligible for Automatic Extensions



The “Class requested” or “Eligibility Category” on your Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice for your Form I-765 renewal application	Description	Length of extension
A03	Refugee	Up to 540 days
A05	Asylee	Up to 540 days
A07	N-8 or N-9	Up to 540 days
A08	Citizen of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau	Up to 540 days
A10	Withholding of Deportation or Removal Granted	Up to 540 days
A12	Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Granted	Up to 540 days (See TPS section below for more information)
A17	Spouse of principal E nonimmigrant with an unexpired I-94 showing E (including E-1S, E-2S and E-3S) nonimmigrant status	Up to 540 days, or expiration date on I-94, whichever is sooner
A18	Spouse of principal L-1 Nonimmigrant with an unexpired I-94 showing L-2 (including L-2S) nonimmigrant status	Up to 540 days, or expiration date on I-94, whichever is sooner
C08	Asylum Application Pending	Up to 540 days
C09	Pending Adjustment of Status under Section 245 of the Act	Up to 540 days



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The “Class requested” or “Eligibility Category” on your Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice for your Form I-765 renewal application	Description	Length of extension
C10	Suspension of Deportation Applicants (filed before April 1, 1997), Cancellation of Removal Applicants, Special Rule Cancellation of Removal Applicants Under NACARA	Up to 540 days
C16	Creation of Record (Adjustment Based on Continuous Residence since Jan. 1, 1972)	Up to 540 days
C19	USCIS determined applicant is prima facie eligible for TPS and can receive an EAD as a “temporary treatment benefit”	Up to 540 days (See TPS section below for more information)
C20	Section 210 Legalization (pending I-700)	Up to 540 days
C22	Section 245A Legalization (pending I-687)	Up to 540 days
C24	LIFE Legalization	Up to 540 days
C26	Spouses of certain H-1B principal nonimmigrants with an unexpired I-94 showing H-4 nonimmigrant status	Up to 540 days, or expiration date on I-94, whichever is sooner
C31	VAWA Self-Petitioners	Up to 540 days

Automatic Extension Eligibility Calculator



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To confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements for the up to 540-day automatic extension of your employment authorization and/or EAD, use the calculator below. The calculator will also determine your auto-extended EAD expiration date.

You will need your current EAD (expired or unexpired) and Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice of your Form I-765 to use the calculator. If you are filing under employment authorization Category Codes A17, A18, or C26, you will also need your unexpired Form I-94.

Which Eligibility Category Code is listed on your Form I-797C, Receipt Notice?

- Select -

How the calculator works:

The automatic extension begins on the day after the “Card Expires” date on the front of the EAD and generally continues for up to 540 days. The extension ends when the applicant receives a final decision on their renewal application or when the 540-day period expires, whichever comes earlier.

For expired or expiring EADs with category codes A17, A18, and C26, to calculate the new expiration date:

1. Add 540 days to the EAD “Card Expires” date.
2. Compare the 540-day auto-extended date to the Form I-94 end date.
3. Whichever date is earlier is the auto-extended EAD expiration date.

Disclaimer: This calculator is intended to help individuals determine the new EAD expiration date for a person who is eligible for an automatic extension of their expiring EAD under 8 CFR 274a.13(d). The calculator does not replace an employer’s legal requirement to verify employment eligibility for their new or existing employees in accordance with the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification process. Government agencies that issue public benefits/licenses and that are registered to use SAVE should use SAVE to verify EAD validity periods, including any automatic extensions.

NOTE: If the “Received Date” for your timely filed Form I-765 EAD renewal application was before May 4, 2022, and your application was still pending on May 4, 2022, see the [2022 TFR](#) for additional guidance.

Proof of an EAD Automatic Extension

An employer or government agency may require proof that an EAD has been automatically extended. Renewal applicants eligible for an EAD automatic extension are responsible for presenting documentation to show they continue to have employment authorization.



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An EAD that is past the “Card Expires” date is still valid when presented with a Form I-797C, Notice of Action, Receipt Notice extending its validity period. To show that the “Card Expires” date shown on your EAD has been automatically extended, you must present:

1. Your current EAD (expired or unexpired) with an eligible category for automatic extension
 - Note: If the code on your EAD is A17, A18, or C26, you must also show your unexpired Form I-94.

AND

2. Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice showing that you timely filed to renew your EAD in the same category eligible for automatic extension. The receipt notice must:
 - Be dated with a “Received Date” that is on or after May 4, 2022; and
 - Refers to an up to 180-day or up to 540-day extension.

NOTE: If you filed Form I-765 based on a grant of TPS or a pending TPS application, please see the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) section below for more information on TPS-specific requirements for the automatic EAD extension.

This document combination is acceptable proof of an up-to-540-day automatic extension under 8 CFR 274a.13(d).

To confirm that you meet the eligibility requirements for the automatic EAD extension and determine your auto-extended EAD expiration date, see the Automatic Extension Eligibility Calculator section above.

Applicants who filed a Form I-765 renewal application between Oct. 27, 2023 and April 8, 2024: If you filed your I-765 renewal application during this timeframe you may have a received Form I-797C, Notice of Action, Receipt Notice that refers to a 180-day automatic extension. These filings also qualify for the up to 540-day automatic extension. We did not and will not issue updated Form I-797C notices for these filings. Individuals should refer to this webpage to confirm eligibility requirements for the up to 540-day automatic extension.

You may refer your employer to this website if they have any questions. Government agencies issuing benefits or licenses that rely on EADs as identity documents may also refer to this webpage.

EAD Temporary Final Rules



Temporary Protected Status (TPS)



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