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| stop   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **YOU ARE NOT DONE YET!** |   **NEXT STEPS FOR YOUR OPT APPLICATION**  **1**  **BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION USING THE**  **USCIS CHECKLIST:**  [**http://tinyurl.com/hsf9xwm**](http://tinyurl.com/hsf9xwm)  In addition to this endorsed I-20, you must mail the Form I-765,   filing fee, and supporting documents to USCIS.  **WARNING:** Failure to submit the OPT application **within 30 days** of the I-20 issued date as noted in the “School Attestation” section on page 1 will result in the **denial** of your OPT application. Submit the complete OPT application package within 30 days of your OPT endorsed I-20.  **2**  **REVIEW YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION**  **USING THE FINAL CHECKLIST:**  [**https://tinyurl.com/ttsoetl**](https://tinyurl.com/ttsoetl)  The application for Optional Practical Training is YOUR legal responsibility. Guidance is provided on the Bechtel website. **Bechtel does not review Post-OPT applications, but students with specific questions in regards to their completed applications can still come and get answers to those questions.**  **3**  Do not work until you have received your EAD card and  the start date on the EAD card has arrived. Only work  during the valid period of your opt authorization.  This would be considered illegal employment and would  place you out of legal immigration status.  For all questions, refer to:[**http://tinyurl.com/hj7m4uo**](http://tinyurl.com/hj7m4uo)  (02/01/2021) |  |
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