

Employment Authorization (I-765) Document Checklist

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Complete list of documents needed to file Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

Application Materials

- Completed Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization
Use the most current version from uscis.gov
- Two passport-style photographs (2x2 inches)
Taken within the last 30 days, white background
- Copy of government-issued photo ID (passport, driver's license, or national ID)
- Copy of most recent I-94, Arrival/Departure Record
Download your electronic I-94 from i94.cbp.dhs.gov

Supporting Evidence (varies by category)

- I-797 Receipt Notice for pending I-485 (category (c)(9))
EAD is free when filed concurrently with I-485
- Copy of asylum application receipt (Form I-589) for asylum-based EAD (category (c)(8))
EAD eligible 180 days after filing I-589 if no decision yet
- TPS designation notice or I-797 for Temporary Protected Status (category (a)(12) or (c)(19))
- DACA approval notice (I-797) for DACA recipients (category (c)(33))
- Form I-20 with CPT/OPT endorsement for F-1 students (category (c)(3))

Category-Specific Documents

- Copy of current EAD card (front and back) if applying for renewal
- I-797 Receipt or Approval Notice for the underlying petition or application
- Evidence of current immigration status (visa stamp, I-94, approval notice)
- Marriage certificate (if EAD is based on spouse's status, e.g., H-4)

USCIS Filing Fee: \$0–\$410 (depends on category — free with I-485)