

Reporting Requirements

All students on Post-Completion OPT (including Cap Gap) are still considered to be in F-1 status for the period authorized and during the 60-day grace period afterwards. Failure to submit this information in a timely manner will result in SEVIS automatically terminating the record. F-1 regulations require students who are on Post-Completion OPT to report any changes in employment or personal information to the International Students Office **within 10 days**.

Initial Employer Information

Student must submit the following employer information to the International Students Office:

1. Job offer letter from the company
2. Employment start date
3. Name of Company
4. Job title or position
5. Company address
6. Supervisor's first and last name
7. Supervisors telephone number and email address

Students must also report to the International Student Office when:

1. Beginning an appropriate OPT activity
2. Ending an appropriate OPT activity
3. Changing from one OPT activity to a different OPT activity
4. Changing your OPT worksite
5. Change your residence address
6. Change your name
7. Leave the U.S.
8. Are "unemployed" for more than 10 days
9. Are "unemployed" for more than the maximum allowed for you OPT situation
10. Change your immigration status while in the U.S.

Periods of Unemployment

F-1 regulations state that students who have been authorized for Post-Completion OPT must leave the U.S. before they accrue an aggregate of more than 90 days of unemployment. No 60-day grace period is allowed. Days of unemployment will be counted from the start date indicated on the EAD card.

If students **volunteer or intern without pay** at least 20 hours per week in their area of study (where this does not violate any labor laws), this time would **not** be counted against the 90 days of unemployment. However, these students must be able to provide evidence of their volunteer work.

After completing OPT

Once the Post-Completion OPT period is over, students have a 60-day grace period in which they are required to depart from the U.S. or change status. Employment or re-entry into the U.S. is **NOT** permitted during the 60-day grace period. If you will remain in the U.S. after the 60-day grace period, you must use one of the following options: Begin a new degree program at NDNU; transfer to another U.S. institution; or, change to another visa status.