

J-2 Employment Authorization Application Process

Purpose of J-1 work authorization: J-2 dependents may apply with USCIS for employment authorization provided that the income from such employment will not be used for the support of the J-1 principal participant.

Application Checklist:

- ❖ Form I-765: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/i-765.pdf>
Please note: Item 16 on this form should read (c) (5) ().
- ❖ Form G-1145, E-Notification of Application/Petition Acceptance: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/g-1145.pdf>
- ❖ Check or money order for filing fee of \$340.00 made out to US Department of Homeland Security. *For applications received by the Service Center on or after November 23rd, 2010 the filing fee is \$380.00.*
- ❖ Copy of J-1 DS-2019, copy of passport identification page, visa and I-94 card (front and back)
- ❖ Copy of J-2 DS-2019, copy of passport identification page, visa and I-94 card (front and back)
- ❖ 2 Identical color photographs, follow the specifications on this web site:
http://www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/info/info_1287.html
- ❖ Written statement with any applicable supporting evidence showing that the employment is not necessary to support the J-1 but is for other purposes.
- ❖ A copy of any previous EAD cards if applicable.

If you live in North Carolina, send your application packages to one of the following addresses:

USCIS Dallas Lockbox

For U.S. Postal Service (USPS) Deliveries:

USCIS
PO Box 660867
Dallas, TX 75266

For Express mail and courier service deliveries:

USCIS
Attn: AOS
2501 S. State Hwy. 121, Business
Suite 400
Lewisville, TX 75067

You will receive a receipt notice with your case number in the mail from USCIS within approximately 3 weeks. If approved, you will receive your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) within 90 days.

Please confirm the application fee, mailing address and procedures for any possible changes with USCIS prior to mailing your application: <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>