

# U.S. automatically extends work permits for renewal applicants

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## FULL TEXT

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that it will automatically extend work permits (EAD) for 540 days after expiration for applicants who applied for renewal prior to expiration.

The statement issued Tuesday notes that the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Temporary Final Rule (TFR) increases the automatic extension period for employment authorization and Employment Authorization Documents (EADs), which are available to certain EAD renewal applicants, to 540 days .

"The decision, which will take effect immediately on May 4, 2022, will help avoid gaps in employment for noncitizens with pending EAD renewal applications and stabilize continuity of operations for U.S. employers. As USCIS works to address pending EAD cases, the agency has determined that the current 180-day automatic extension of employment authorization is currently insufficient," said USCIS Director Ur M. Jaddou.

"This temporary rule will provide noncitizens eligible for the automatic extension the opportunity to maintain employment and provide critical support to their families, while avoiding further disruption to U.S. employers," Jaddou added.

The release explains that noncitizens with a pending EAD renewal application whose 180-day automatic extension has expired and whose EAD has expired will be granted an additional period of employment authorization and EAD validity, beginning May 4, 2022 and lasting up to 540 days from the expiration date of their EAD, so that they may resume employment if they are still within the automatic extension period of up to 540 days and are eligible. While noncitizens with a pending renewal application still covered by the 180-day automatic extension will be granted an additional extension of up to 360 days, for a total of up to 540 days beyond the expiration of the current EAD.

Those who have a pending renewal application and a valid EAD on May 4, 2022, or who submit a timely EAD renewal application by October 27, 2023, will be granted an automatic extension of up to 540 days if their EAD expires before the renewal application is completed. processed.

The automatic extension will generally end with the notification of a final decision on the renewal application or the end of the period of up to 540 days (i.e., up to 540 days after the expiration date of the expired applicant's EAD), whichever occurs first.

"Certain noncitizens who are in the United States may file a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with USCIS to apply for employment authorization and an EAD. Other noncitizens whose immigration status authorizes them to work in the United States without restriction may also use Form I-765 to apply for an EAD showing such authorization," the release notes.

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