

Step by Step Instruction: Online Filing of OPT Application INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES

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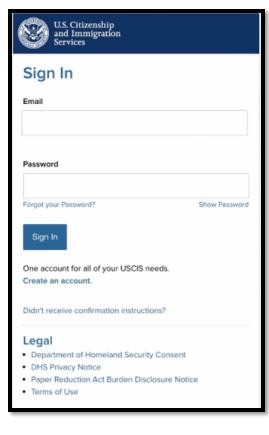
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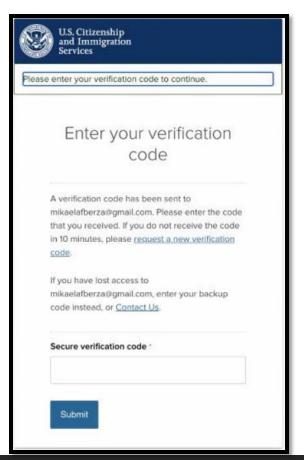
# Application website: <u>Application for Employment Authorization | USCIS</u> (www.uscis.gov/i-765)

To create account: How to Create a USCIS Online Account | USCIS

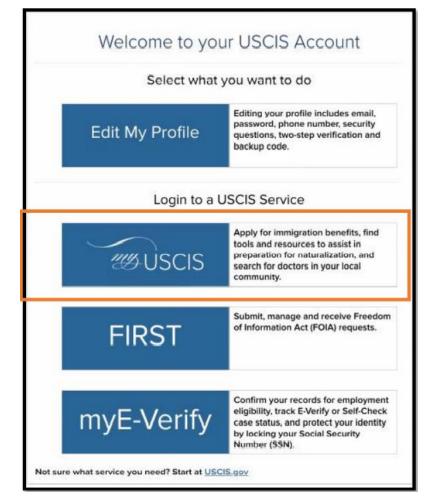
1. Go to <a href="https://www.uscis.gov/i-765">https://www.uscis.gov/i-765</a> and click on *Sign In.* 



2. Enter your verification code (sent to the method you chose when creating account) to authenticate your login.



3. Click on *myUSCIS*, then *File a form online*.





# File a Form Once you start your form, we will automatically save your information for 30 days, or from the last time you worked on the form. Select the form you want to file online. Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card (I-90) Request for a Hearing on a Decision in Naturalization Proceedings Application for Naturalization (N-400) Application for Replacement Naturalization/Citizenship Document (N-565) Application for Certificate of Citizenship (N-600) Application for Citizenship and Issuance of Certificate Under Section 322 (N-600K) Application for Employment Authorization (I-765) Only certain F-1 students seeking optional practical training (OPT) may file Form I-765 online. This includes: Pre-completion OPT - (c)(3)(A) eligibility category; Post-completion OPT - (c)(3)(B) eligibility category; or · a 24-month extension for STEM students (students holding a degree in science technology, engineering, or mathematics) - (c)(3)(C) eligibility category. For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper Form 1-765. Petition for Alien Relative (I-130) Application To Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status (I-539) Start form

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4. Select here:

- (c)(3)(B) Post-completion OPT: If you are currently enrolled as an F1 student and would like to apply for the ability to train/work/volunteer based on completion of program/graduation, you will apply for the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, regardless of whether your major is STEM Extension OPT eligible.
- (c)(3)(C) STEM Extension OPT: If you are currently working as an F1 student on the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT, and have a STEM Extension OPT eligible CIP code and would like to extend your current post-completion OPT, you will apply for the 24-Month Full-Time STEM Extension OPT (c)(3)(C) eligibility category.

5. Getting ready with I-765. Click *Next* to proceed. -765, Application For Employment

Before You Start Your Application

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Documents you may need

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For all other eligibility categories, you must submit a paper form \$ 765.

involled as an F-1 foreign student for one full academic year at an educational

photo and/or fingerprint. The identity document photocopy must clearly show

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Biometric services appointment

to attend a biometric services appointment.

Respond to requests for information

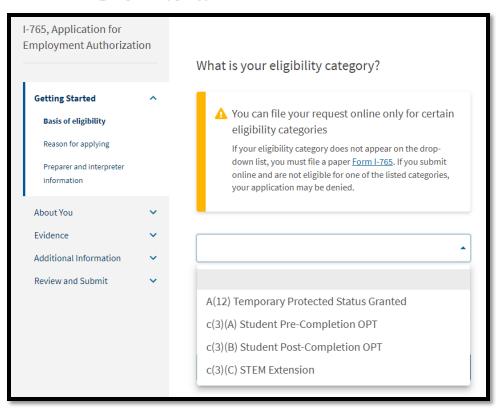
After You Submit Your Form

Track your case online

A Receive your decision



6. Getting Started. Choose from the drop-down menu. Click Next.

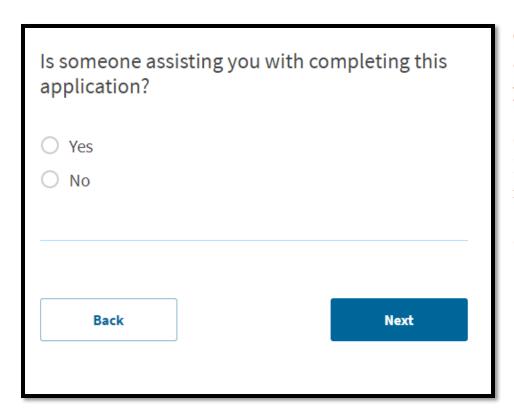


# What is your reason for applying? Initial permission to accept employment Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to US Citizenship and Immigration Services error Renewal of permission to accept employment Have you previously filed Form I-765? Yes O No Next Back

### 7. Choose according to below instructions and click *next*.

- Initial permission to apply to accept employment: Select this if this is your first time applying for OPT or if you have applied for OPT after you received a Bachelor's/Master's and now you are applying for a second or third OPT based on the most recent degree completion (e.g. current Master's/Doctorate).
- If your EAD card was lost/stolen or you never received your card and need to replace it; if you need to have your card corrected due to an error you made in your application (and not a USCIS error).
- Select if you are currently working as an F1 student on the 12-Month Full-Time standard Post-completion OPT, and have a <u>STEM Extension OPT eligible CIP</u> code and would like to apply for the 24-Month Full-Time STEM Extension OPT (c)(3)(C) eligibility category.

If this is your FIRST I-765 form filed, answer NO. If you have filed an I-765 before, regardless of the category, answer YES.



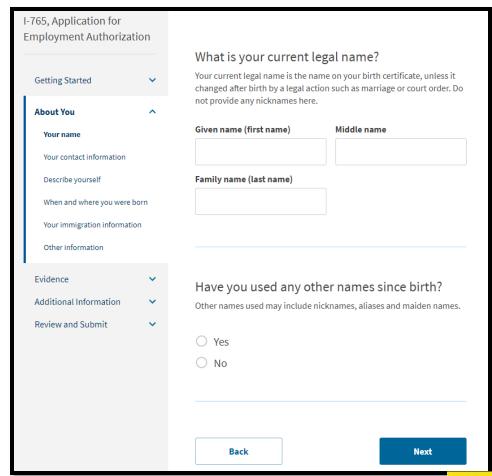
8. If you have a legal representative assisting you with this application, answer Yes. Otherwise, answer No. Then, click *Next*.

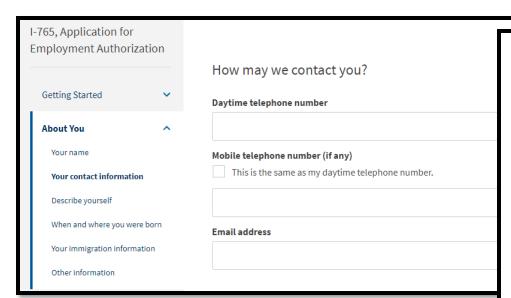
9. Provide your name exactly as it appears in your passport. If you only have one name, you may be required to place it in the family/last name field. If you do not have a middle name, leave it blank.

Other names: If you have never had your name legally changed, answer No. If you answer Yes, a new section will pop out for you to add other used

names.

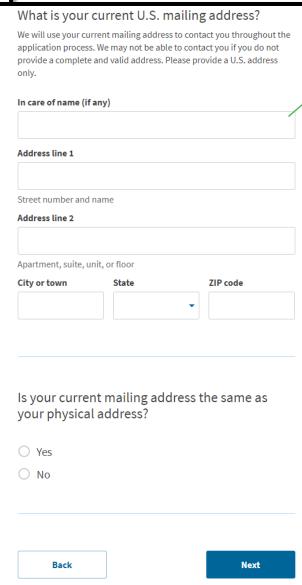
Click *Next* when ready.





10. It is recommended to use a personal email address (e.g. GMail) as you will not always have access to your UO email account.

Click *Next* when ready.

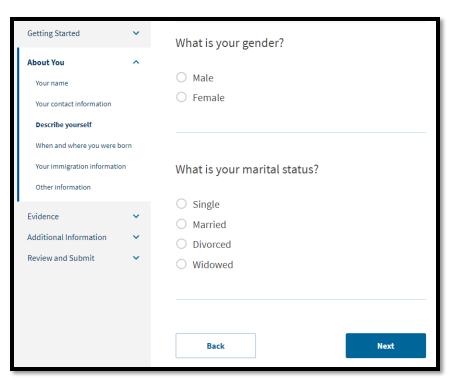


If you are using your own address, leave this blank. If you are using a friend's/family member's address, provide their name in this field.

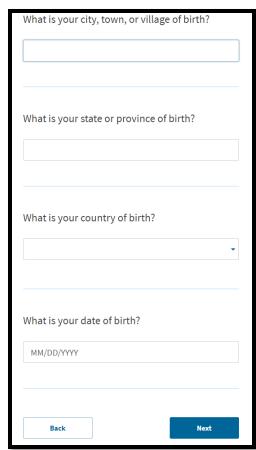
This is the address where USCIS will mail your OPT card and any other relevant documents. USCIS requests 90+/- days to adjudicate your application, therefore, you should be able to receive mail at this address for at least 3-4 months. If you move while your application is pending, you must complete the AR-11, Alien's Change of Address Card online.



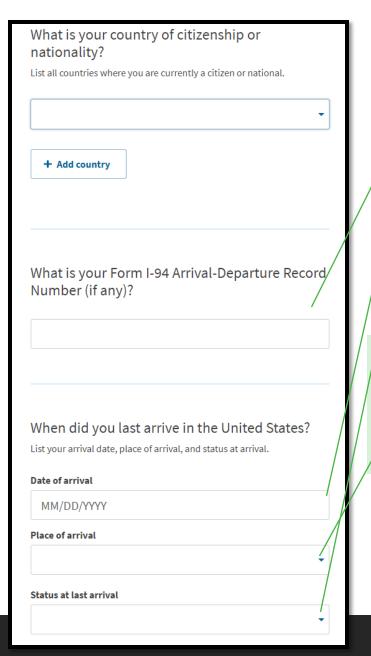
11. myUSCIS will ask you to verify the address. The Recommended Address is formatted for USPS mailing. If the recommended address looks correct, select the Recommended Address to avoid delays.



12. Provide accurate information on the next two pages.Click *Next* when ready.



## 13. Provide accurate information on following pages. Click Next when ready.

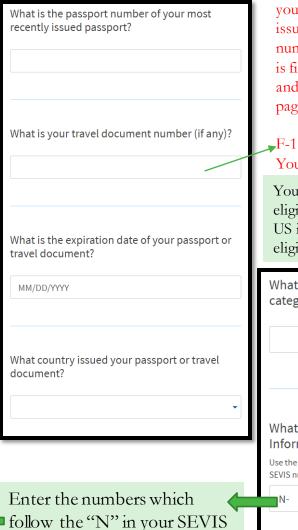




Download most recent I-94 from: <u>I94 - Official Website (dhs.gov)</u>

Click on "Get Travel History" to see your place of arrival.





number on your I-20.

If you have renewed your passport since you last entered the US, your most recently issued passport may have a different number from your most recent I-94. That is fine. Provide the number of your valid and most recently issued passport on this page.

F-1 students do not have travel documents. You have passport and visa for travel.

You must be in F1-Student status to be eligible for OPT. If you are currently in the US in a status other than F1, you are not eligible for OPT.

What is your current immigration status or category?

What is your Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)?

Use the "Additional Information" section to include all previously used SEVIS numbers.

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If you have previously been issued an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), your A-Number is the same as the USCIS# found on the EAD. Otherwise, check the "I do not have or know my A-Number" box.

If this is the first application you are filing online, you do not have a USCIS Online Account Number yet. You will have a USCIS Online Account Number after filing this application.

### What is your A-Number? I do not have or know my A-Number. SPECIMEN Given Name TEST V 0-000-701 C03C YSC1234567890 What is your USCIS Online Account Number? Providing your unique USCIS Online Account Number (OAN) helps us manage your account. You may already have an OAN if you previously filed certain paper forms and received an Account Access Notice in the mail. You can find the OAN at the top of the notice; it is not the same as an A-Number. I do not have or know my USCIS Online Account Number. Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) This is asking whether you have a Social Security ever officially issued a Social Security card to you? Number (SSN) already. Answer accordingly. O Yes O No

Answer No.

If you already have an SSN, you do not need a new one issued. This is NOT the same as requesting a replacement SSN card.

If you do not have an SSN/card, we recommend that you get the SSN after you find a job.

Security card?

O Yes

Do you want the SSA to issue you a Social

# 14. Upload your photo as required. Click *Next* when ready.

#### 2 X 2 Photo Of You

Upload a recent color photograph of yourself that measures 2 inches by 2 inches, with your face measuring 1 inch to 1 3/8 inch from your chin to the top of your head. Your eyes should be between 1 1/8 inch and 1 3/8 inch from the bottom of the photo.

Make sure your whole face is visible, you are facing the camera directly, and the background is white or off-white. Your head must be bare, unless contrary to your religious beliefs.

If you need help understanding the photo requirements or want to resize, rotate, or crop your photo, you can use to the Department of State's <u>photo composition tools</u>. Please note that we cannot approve your application without your photo.

#### File requirements

- · Clear and readable
- · Accepted file formats: JPG, JPEG, or PNG
- · No encrypted or password-protected files
- If your documents are in a foreign language, upload a full English translation and the translator's certification with each original document.
- Accepted characters: English letters, numbers, spaces, periods, hyphens, underscores, and parentheses
- Maximum size: 6MB per file

Choose or drop files here to upload

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#### I-94, Arrival And Departure Record

Upload a copy of one of the following:

- Your Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record (front and back);
- · A printout of your electronic Form I-94; or
- · Your passport or other travel document.

If you were admitted to the United States by CBP at an airport or seaport after April 30, 2013, CBP may have issued you an electronic Form I-94 instead of a paper Form I-94. You may visit the CBP website to obtain a paper version of an electronic Form I-94. CBP does not charge a fee for this service. Some travelers admitted to the United States at a land border, airport, or seaport, after April 30, 2013, with a passport or travel document, who were issued a paper Form I-94 by CBP, may also be able to obtain a replacement Form I-94 from the CBP website without charge.

If your Form I-94 cannot be obtained from the CBP website, it may be obtained by filing Form I-102, Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record, with USCIS. USCIS does charge a fee for this service.

#### File requirements

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You may obtain your most recent electronic I-94 at

https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home.

Click on "Get Most Recent I-94."

NOTE: If you upload the electronic I-94, there is no "back."
If you have not travelled since the electronic I-94 system was established and you still have the 3x5 paper I-94 card, then a copy of the front and back is required.

You may also upload a copy of your passport identification pages(s) in this section as an additional document, however, the next section also allows for uploading your passport, if you have never been issued an Employment Authorization Document, previously.



## 15. Upload documents as required on following pages. Click Next when ready.

### Employment Authorization Document Or Government ID Upload a copy of your last Employment Authorization document (EAD)

Upload a copy of your last Employment Authorization document (EAD) (front and back). If you were not previously issued an EAD, you must upload a copy of a government-issued identity document (such as a passport) showing your picture, name, and date of birth; a birth certificate with photo ID; a visa issued by a foreign consulate; or a national ID document with photo and/or fingerprint. The identity document photocopy must clearly show your facial features and contain your biographical information.

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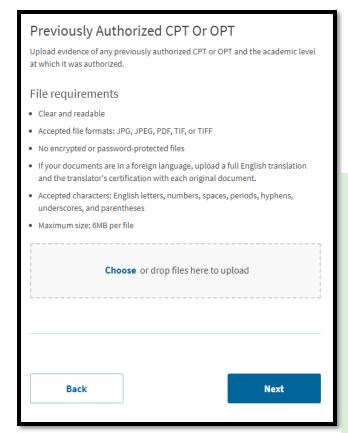
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If you have been issued an Employment Authorization Document by USCIS in the past (such as for OPT after a previous degree program), upload a copy here.

Otherwise, upload a copy of your passport identification page(s) here.



If you have had CPT or OPT before:

- ❖ CPT: upload a copy of the I-20 you received with the CPT authorization.
- ❖ OPT/STEM OPT: Upload a copy of the EAD card you received from USCIS.

If you have not had either CPT or OPT, click *Next* to continue.



Upload the OPT I-20 which your ISSS Advisor issue to you with the OPT recommendation on page 2. The OPT I-20 must be signed and dated by both you (on page 1) and the advisor (on pages 1 and 2).

Make sure you schedule a document review appointment with ISSS advisor to receive this OPT I-20!

#### I-20, Certificate Of Eligibility For Nonimmigrant Student Status

Upload a copy of the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status endorsed by the Designated School Official (DSO). For the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category, your DSO must have entered the recommendation for OPT into your SEVIS record within 30 days of you submitting Form I-765. If you fail to do so, we will deny your OPT request. For the (c)(3)(C) eligibility category, the Form I-20 must have been endorsed by the DSO within 60 days of submitting Form I-765.

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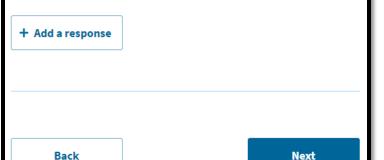
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#### Additional Information

If you need to provide any additional information for any of your answers to the questions in this form, enter it into the space below. You should include the questions that you are referencing.

If you do not need to provide any additional information, you may leave this section blank.



You can upload a copy of your F-1 Visa in this section. Your F-1 visa does not have to be valid.

# 16. Check your application and fix all alerts and warnings.

#### Check your application before you submit

We will review your application to check for accuracy and completeness before you submit it.

We encourage you to provide as many responses as you can throughout the application, to the best of your knowledge. Missing information can slow down the review process after you submit your application.

You can return to this page to review your application as many times as you want before you submit it.

#### Your fee



Refund Policy: USCIS does not refund fees, regardless of any action we take on your application, petition or request, or how long USCIS takes to reach a decision. By continuing this transaction, you acknowledge that you must submit fees in the exact amount and that you are paying the fees for a government service.

Make sure this shows the correct fee for the OPT application. You will be able to pay by ACH withdrawal from your savings/checking account or by credit/debit card.

#### Alerts and warnings

You have one or more alerts and warnings based on the information you provided in your application.

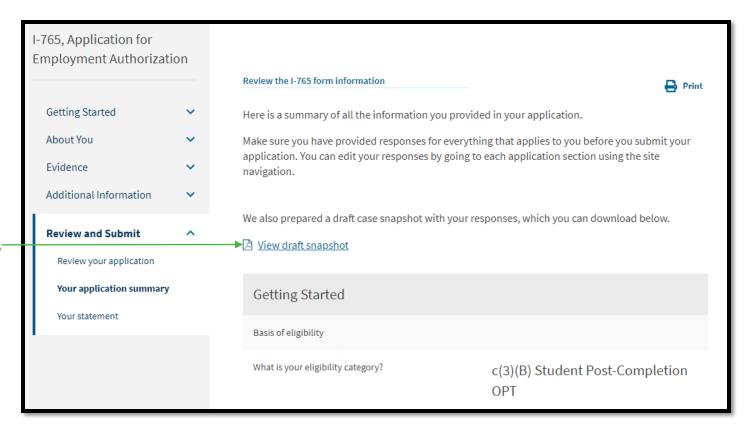
A red alert means you have incomplete responses or inconsistent data. You cannot submit your application with any alerts.

There are errors in About You: When and where you were born

Edit my responses

Fix all alerts and warnings until it shows:





17. Save a PDF of your application by clicking here.



Now it's time to schedule your OPT document review appointment with ISSS advisor and get your OPT I-20. Please email the above PDF of your application and all the other required documents to <a href="mailto:intl@uoregon.edu">intl@uoregon.edu</a> to make an appointment.

18. After you receive your OPT I-20 from your ISSS advisor, log back in to finish your application.

I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

**Getting Started** 

Additional Information

Review and Submit

Review your application

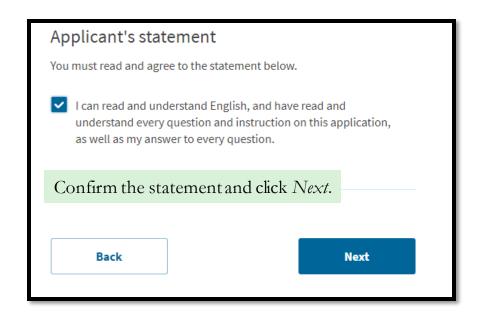
Your application summary

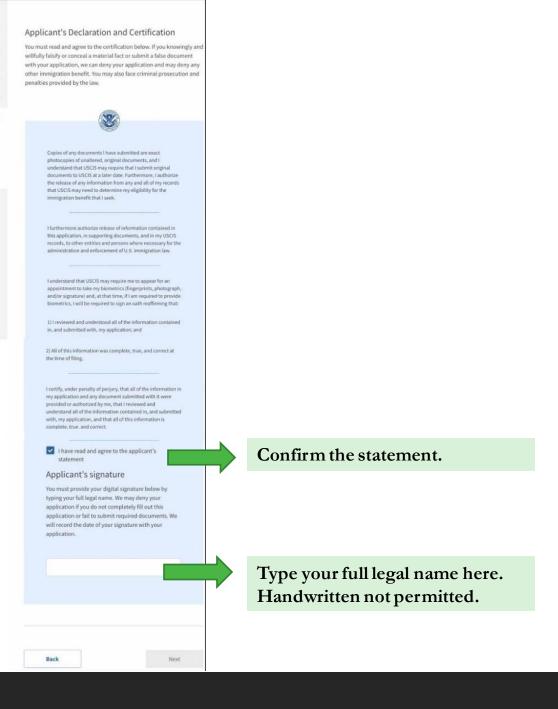
Your statement

Your signature

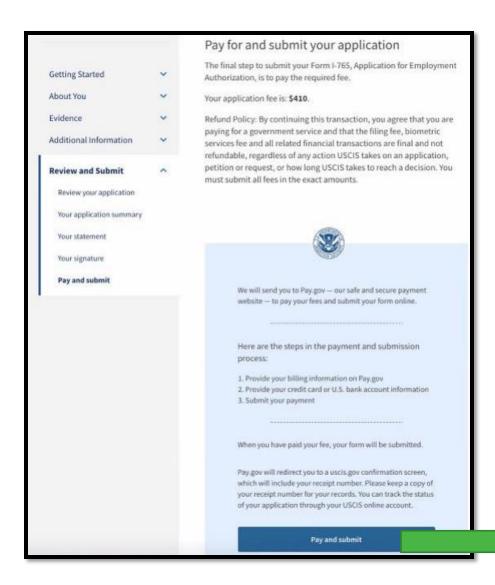
Evidence

We recommend you go over your application one more time to make sure everything is correct. Once you submit the application, you won't be able to make any changes.





# 19. Make payment and submit your application.



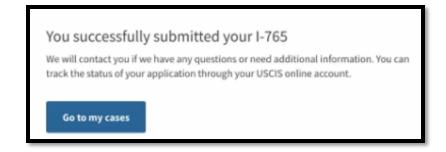
Click here. You will be taken to Pay.gov to pay the application fee.

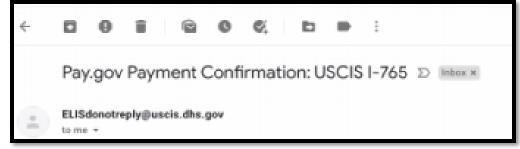
# 20. Choose your payment method and put in payment information.



- 21. Once you have completed the Pay.gov sections, you should
- a) see a screen which confirms "You successfully submitted your I-765" application; and
- b) receive an email from Pay.gov with your payment confirmation.

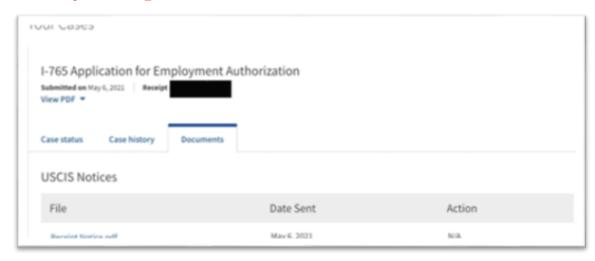
Make sure to securely store these confirmation notice for your future record.







You have submitted your OPT application! You may follow the progress of the application by viewing "Your Cases" in your *myUSCIS* account and clicking on *Case Status*, *Case History*, or *Documents for application history/receipt*.



### Questions? ISSS is happy to help!





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