



**United States Department of State**

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## **NOTICE**

### **DEPENDENT WORK AUTHORIZATION REQUESTS**

Due to logistical challenges caused by COVID-19, the current processing time for Dependent Employment Work Authorization Requests is 14 to 16 weeks.

*Applicants are continued to be expected to have employment before applying.*

Applications will be processed based on the following priority:

1. Renewals
2. Applicants with confirmed and verifiable offers of employment
3. Applications that were returned to mission
4. All Others

Effective immediately, OFM will no longer accept photocopies of signatures, seals, or stamps for USCIS forms I-566 and I-765. USCIS forms I-566 and I-765 must have an original signature of an accredited officer and a seal or stamp from the embassy or international organization. Consequently, any USCIS I-566 and I-765 forms that include photocopies of either the signature or the seal will be returned to foreign missions for resubmission.

Complete packages may be mailed via USPS, Federal Express, UPS, or similar service to:

Office of Foreign Missions  
Accreditation, Services, & Benefits, Attn: EAD  
3507 International Place, NW  
Washington, DC 20008

If the EAD card has not been received 16 weeks after submitting a complete application package, please contact the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) at [OFM-EAD@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EAD@state.gov) and provide the following information:

- Dependent's name and PID number
- Principal's employer
- Date of submission of application
- USCIS Receipt number, (if available)