

Post-Completion OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)



Workshop Objectives



Application Process

Application Deadlines

Online Filing Instructions

1 Status during OPT

Travel during OPT

Health Insurance during OPT

OPT is ending, now what?

Q&A

International Student Employment

1. On-Campus
2. Practical Training:
 - Curricular Practical Training(CPT)
 - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
 - Month STEM OPT Extension
 - Cap Gap Extension
3. Off-Campus:



ALERT: Violation to employment regulations will lead to the termination of the student's SEVIS record!

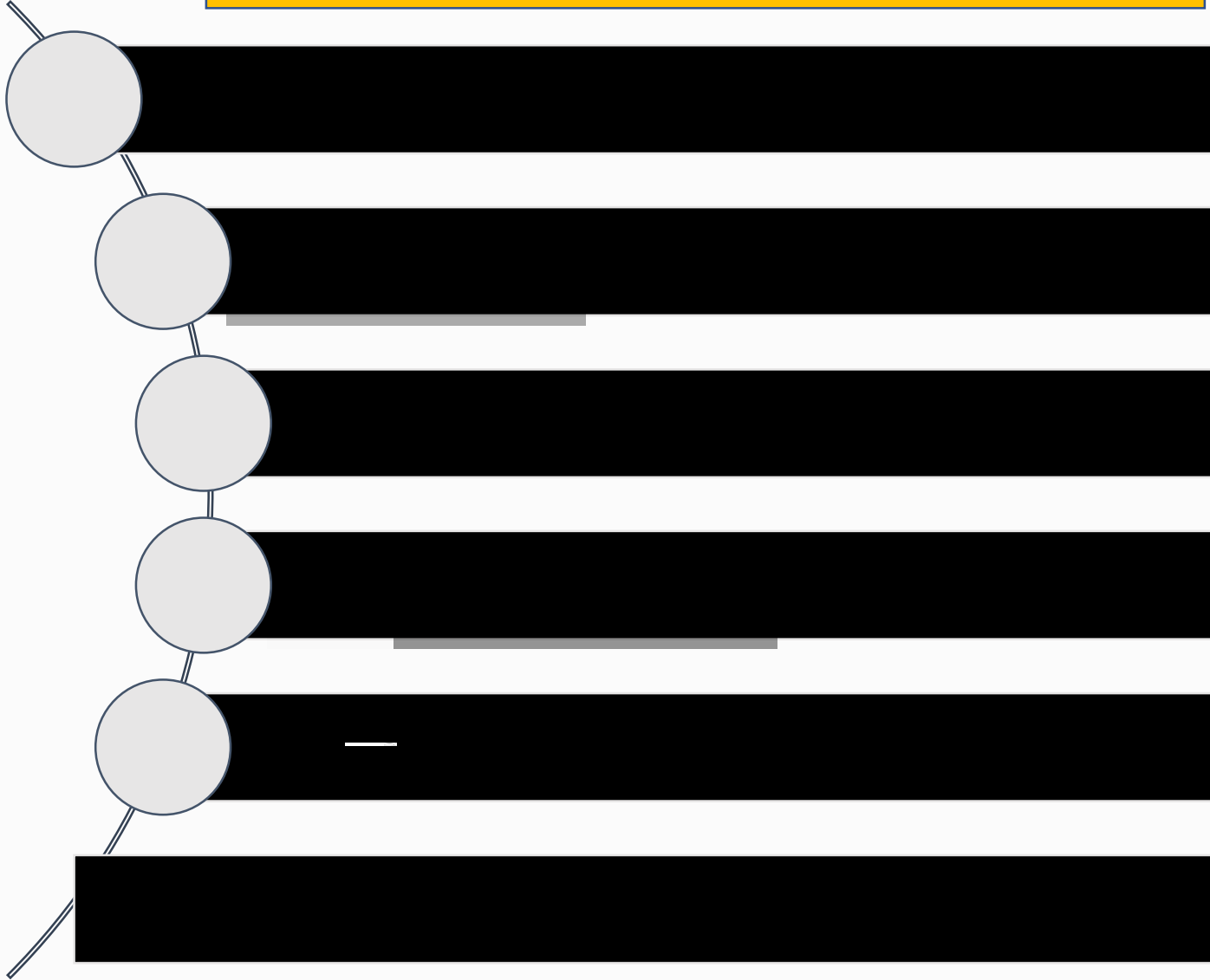
What is Post-Completion OPT?

benefit

OPT Allows:

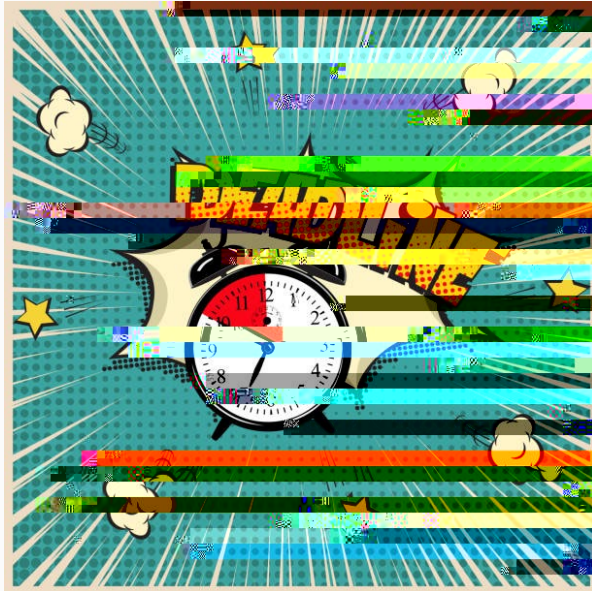


Eligibility





Alternative Application Deadlines for some Graduate students



- **Research appointments** – research assistantship – completion

work OR course

Then course is taken into all required master

– (thesis/dissertation or comprehensive exam) –

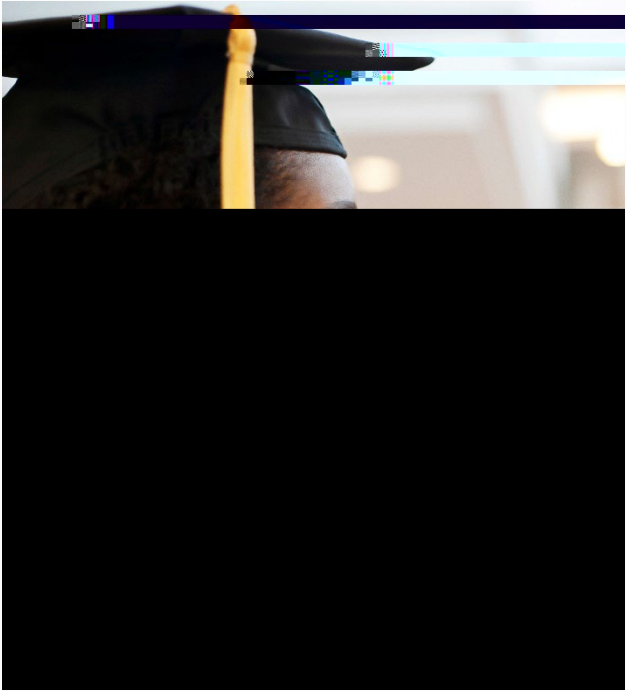
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on the first application semester of which you submit

OPT I-

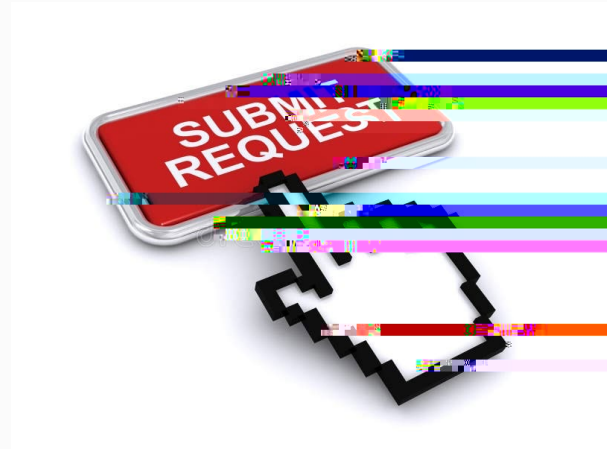
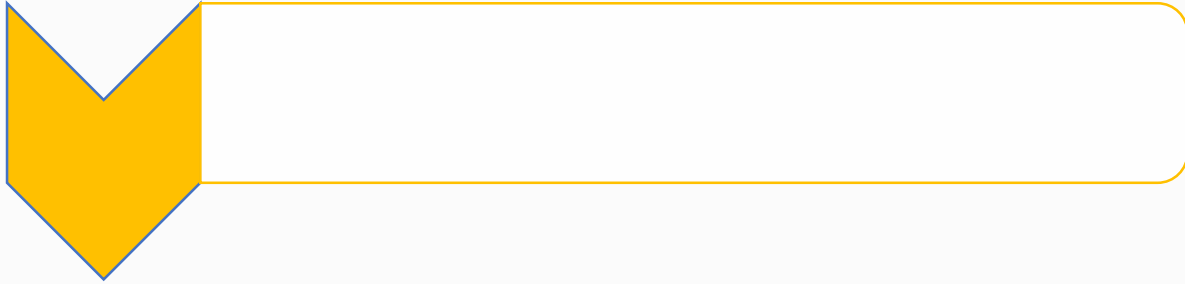




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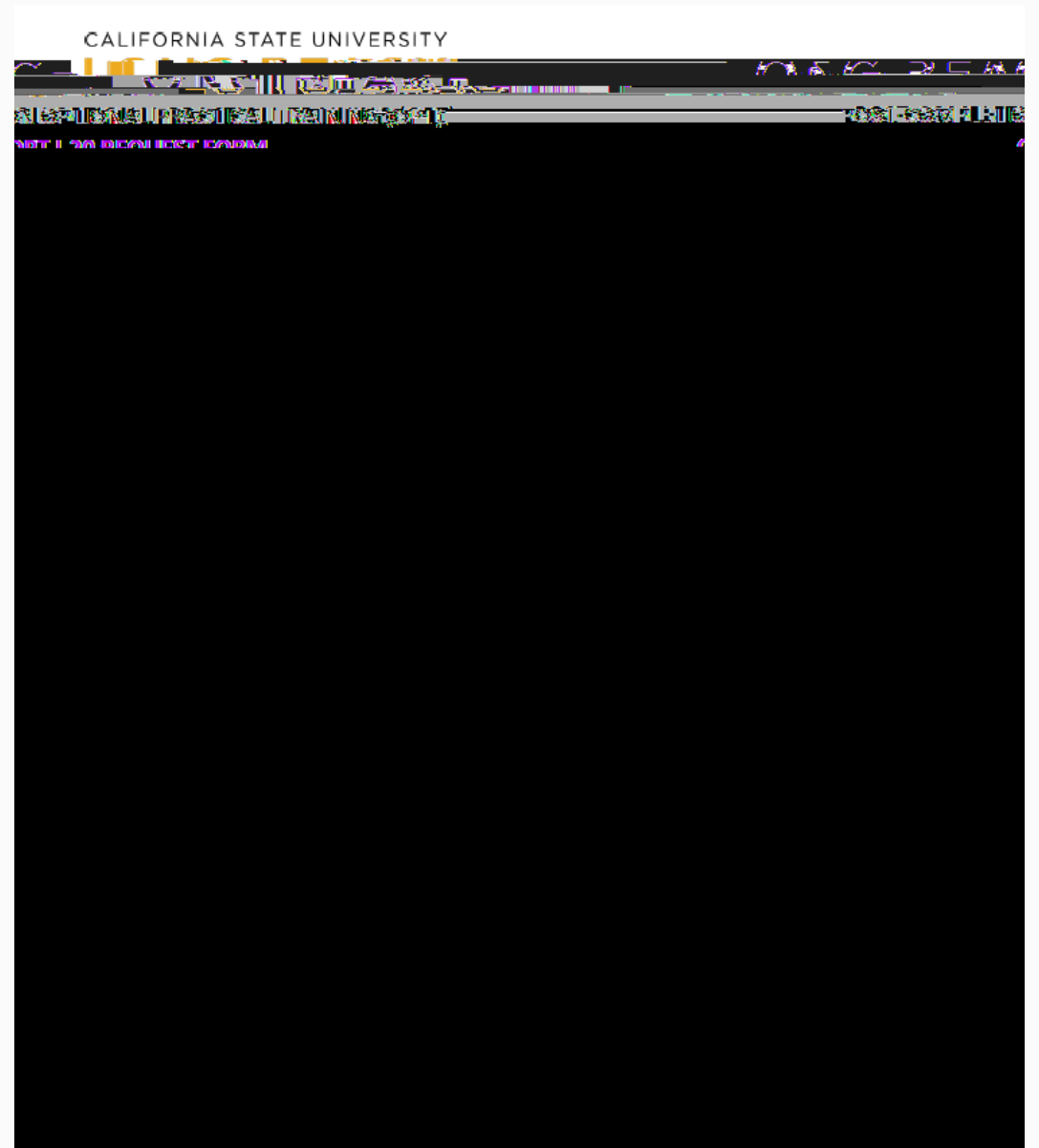


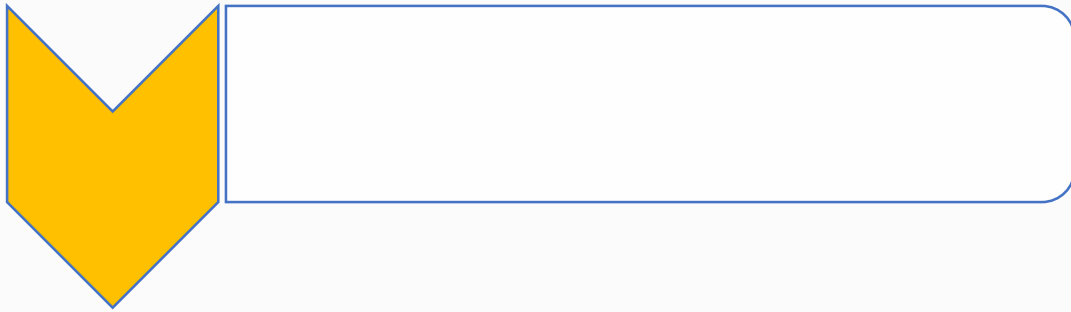
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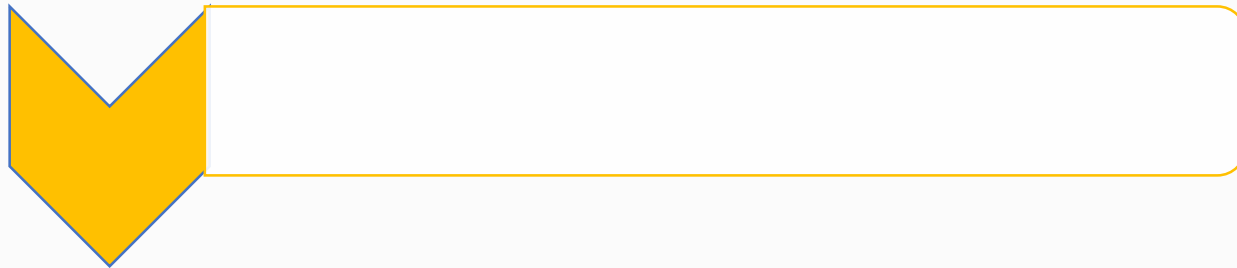
Section 3





www.cbp.gov/I94

Class of Admission: F-1



file your OPT
application online.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

LONG BEACH

A. Save your application document, also known as:

- Copy of your previously issued I-20's including your **new OPT I-20 properly signed by you**.
 - You may be asked to upload relevant I-20s including OPT I-20s and the OPT I-20.
- Copy of passport photo ID page with expiration date showing (valid for at least other 6 months).
- Copy of your most recent I-94 record. The I-94 record can be a copy of the front and back of the stamp card, change of status I-797 Form or [Electronic I-94 Record](#).
- Copy of your F-1 Visa (Expired Visas are acceptable).
- Copy of any previously issued EAD's front and back.
- 2x2 [U.S. passport style photo](#), no more than 6 months old.

USCIS How to File a Form online: Use this link to review the list of required evidence to support your online application. Recommendations for evidence to support your online application. Recommended file formats: PDF, JPEG or GIF. Documents aren't always in English. If your documents aren't in English, use only these formats. If your documents aren't in English, upload an English translation along with the original.

B. Create your USCIS account.

- Go to [USCIS Sign Up](#) page to create your USCIS Online account.
- Review [How to Create a USCIS Online Account](#) for specific instructions.

C. Log in to your USCIS Account to start your application and upload your application evidence.

- In the welcome window select "File a Form Online", then click on "Start Form".
- Select the form you want to file: **Application for Employment Authorization**.
- Select your appropriate eligibility category: **(c)(3)(B) Student**.
- Select your reason for filing: **Completion of F-1 OPT**.
- Use the PDF I-765 form review tool to answer the I-765 questions.
- Upload the required evidence for your eligibility category.
- **Very important:** When prompted, upload your **new OPT I-20**. This I-20 will serve as your Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status for the (c)(3)(B) eligibility category.
- You may use the USCIS fee payment tool to pay your fee.
- Have your form filing fee ready: Starting on April 1st, 2024 the fee is \$470 for online filing. You may pay with a withdrawal from a checking or savings account or with a debit or credit card.
- **Review and Submit:** Click your application responses for accuracy and review alerts.
- Save your online request as a **draft if you cannot complete** your application.
- **Pay for your request:** You will not be able to make changes to your online request until you pay.

D. Confirmation of online filing.

- You will receive a **Receipt Notice of Action (Form I-797)** with your case number.
- You will have access to all case correspondence.
- You can check your case status and update personal information on your [USCIS account](#).
- You may also use your case number to check the status of your application online at [Case Status Online](#).
- You should expect your **Employment Authorization Document (EAD)** to arrive by mail. The EAD will follow afterwards, only if you requested one.
- Processing time for EADs is approximately 90 days.
- Contact USCIS immediately if the correspondence you receive is:

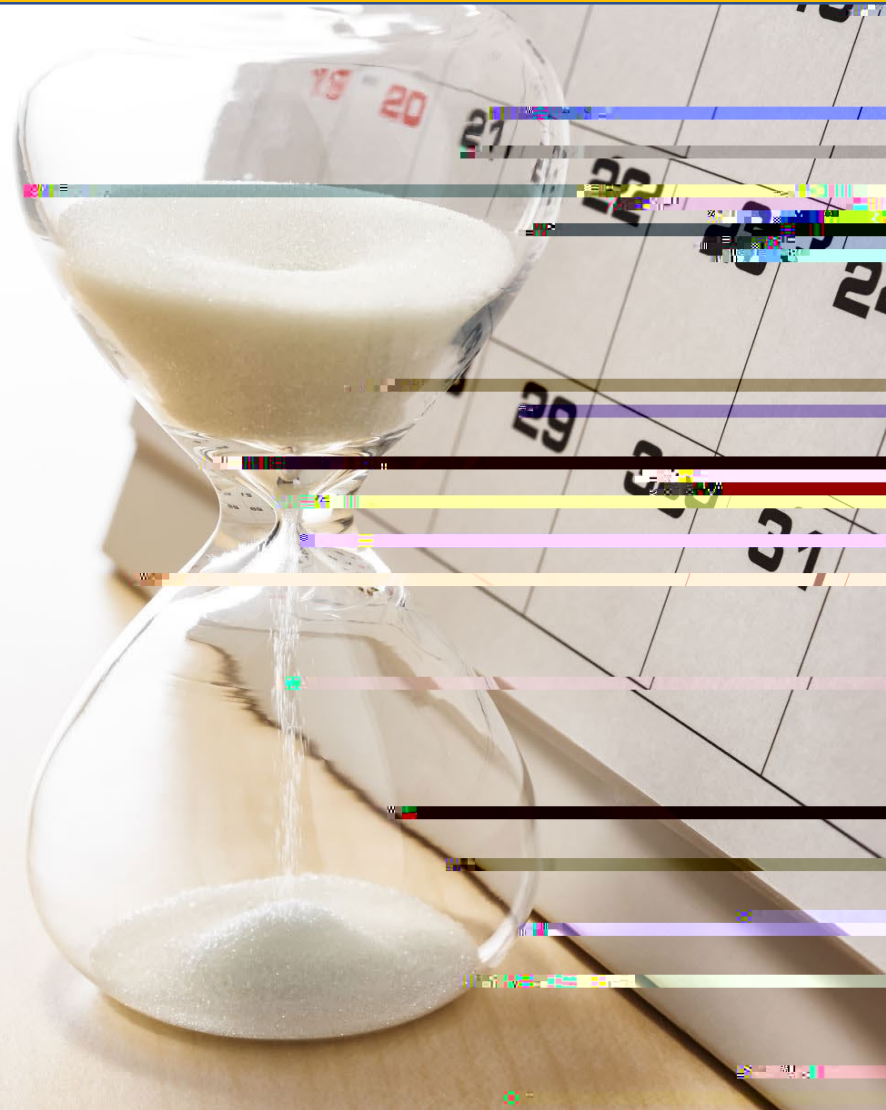
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Filing Deadline

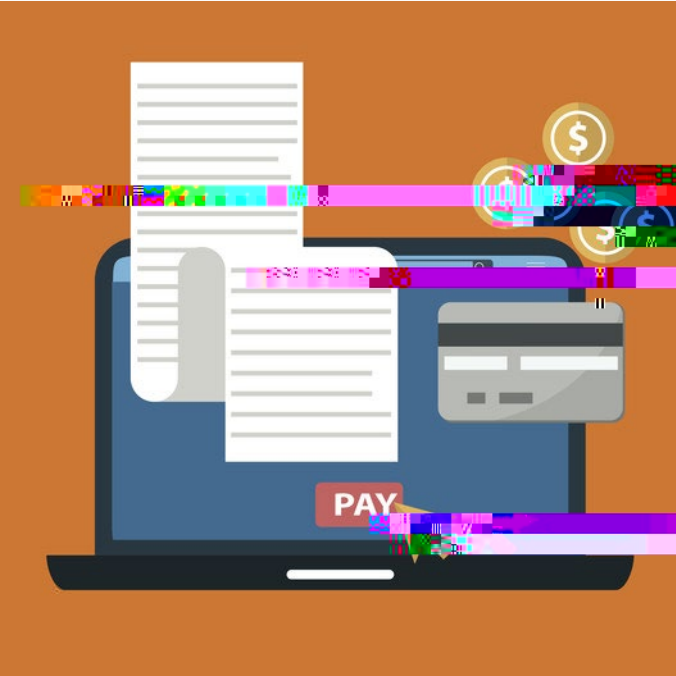
**file your OPT
I-20 with form i-765
within 30 days**

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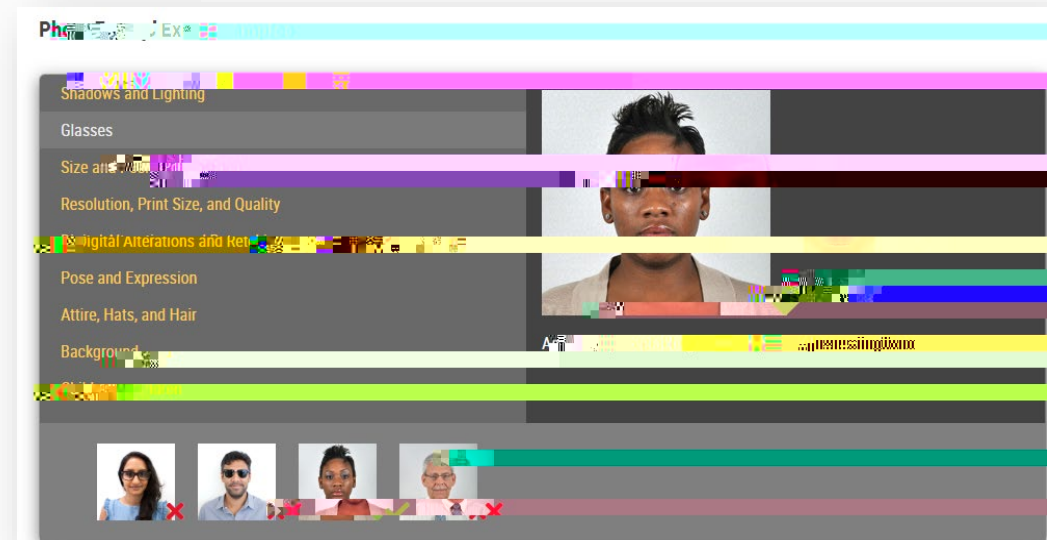


**File form I-765 to USCIS
(ONLINE FILING)**

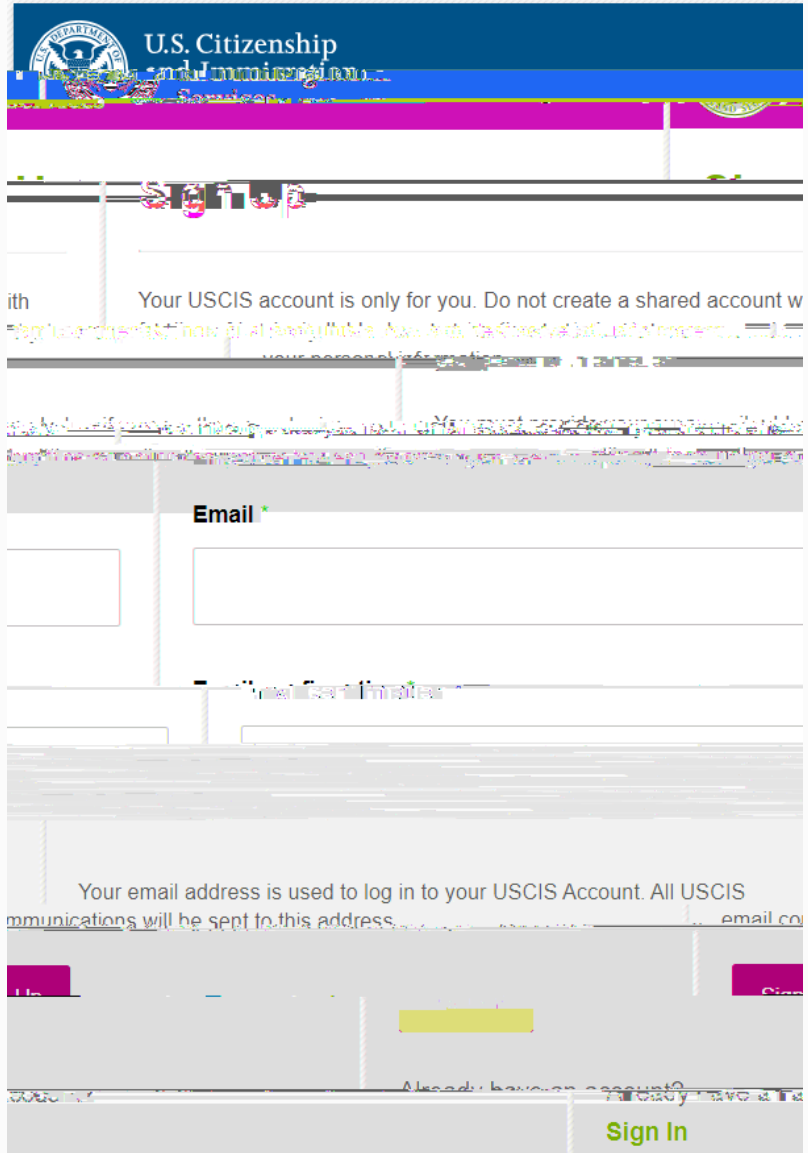
Form I-765 Supporting Documents



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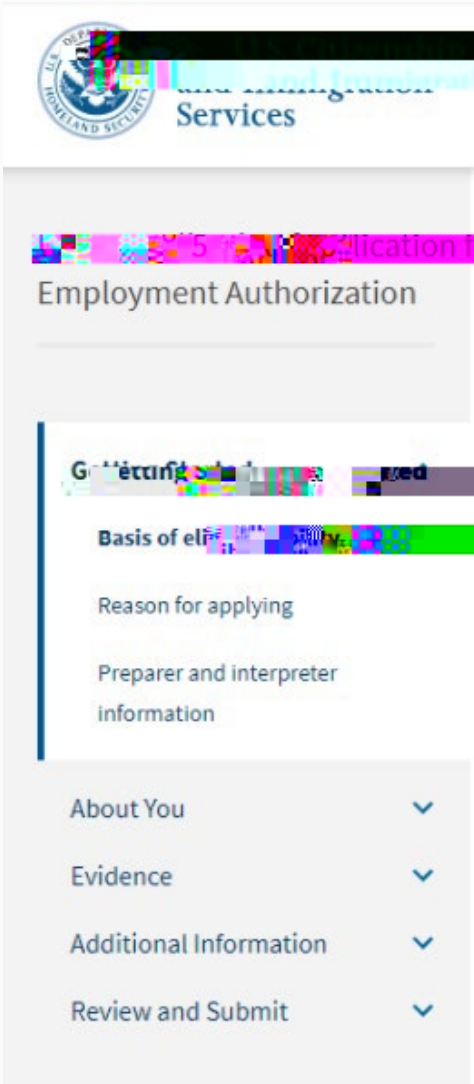


USCIS Account



The image shows a screenshot of the USCIS website's account creation page. At the top, there is a blue header with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services logo and the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". Below the header, there is a "SETUP" section. The main heading reads "Your USCIS account is only for you. Do not create a shared account with anyone else." Below this, there is a form with an "Email" field. A note states: "Your email address is used to log in to your USCIS Account. All USCIS communications will be sent to this address." At the bottom right, there is a green "Sign In" button.

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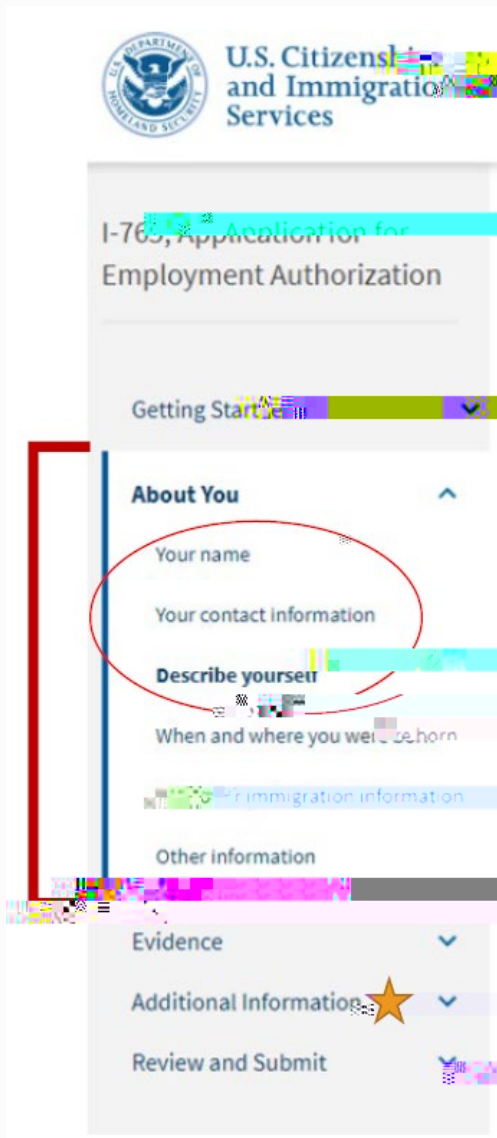
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Basis of Eligibility

Reason for Applying

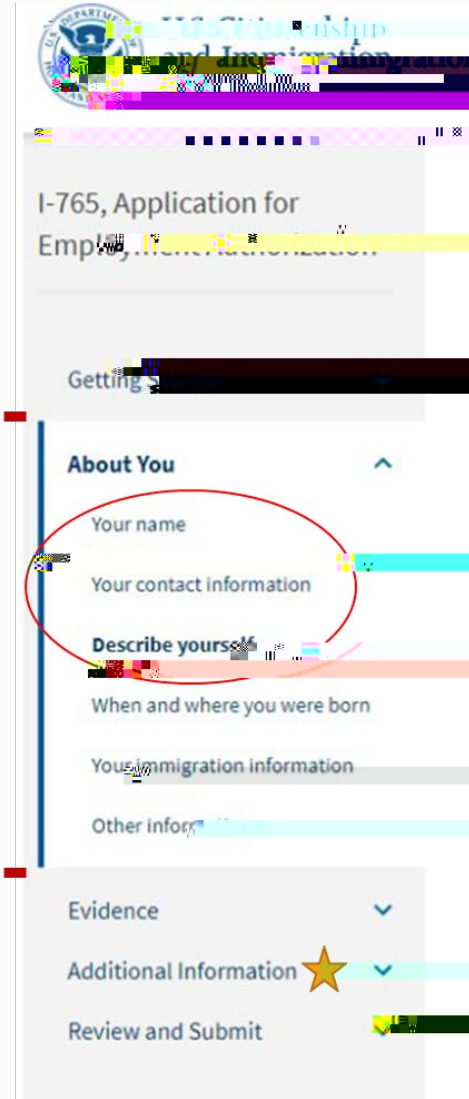
- Have you previously filed Form I-765?

Preparer and Interpreter Information



Your Name
What is your current legal name?

Have you used any other names since birth:



Your Contact Information
How may we contact you?

US Mailing Address:

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What is your current U.S. mailing address?

We will use your current mailing address for our application process. We may not be able to contact you if you do not provide a complete and valid address. Please provide a U.S. address only.

In care of name (if any)

Address line 1

Street number and name

Address line 2

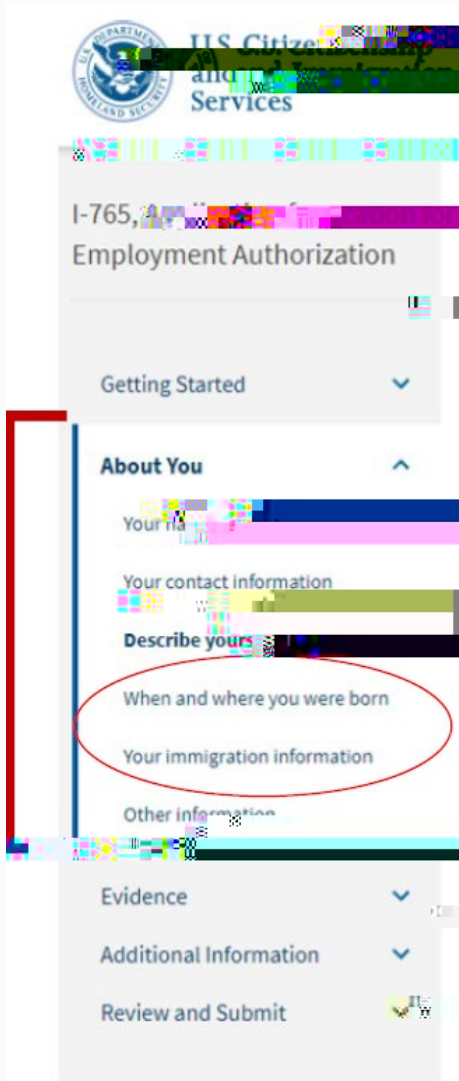
Apartment, suite, unit, or floor

City or town	State	ZIP code
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Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address?

Yes

No



When and Where You Were Born

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Your Immigration Information (cont)

When did you last arrive in the United States?

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What is the passport number of your most recently issued passport?

What is your travel document number (if any)? You can leave this blank unless you have a travel document other than a passport.

What is the expiration date of your passport or travel document?

What country issued your passport or travel document?

What is your current immigration status or category?

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

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U.S. Citizenship
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I-765, Application for
Employment Authorization

Getting Started

About You

Your name

Your contact information

Describe yourself

When and where you were born

Your immigration history

Other information

Evidence

Additional Information

Review and Submit

Other Information

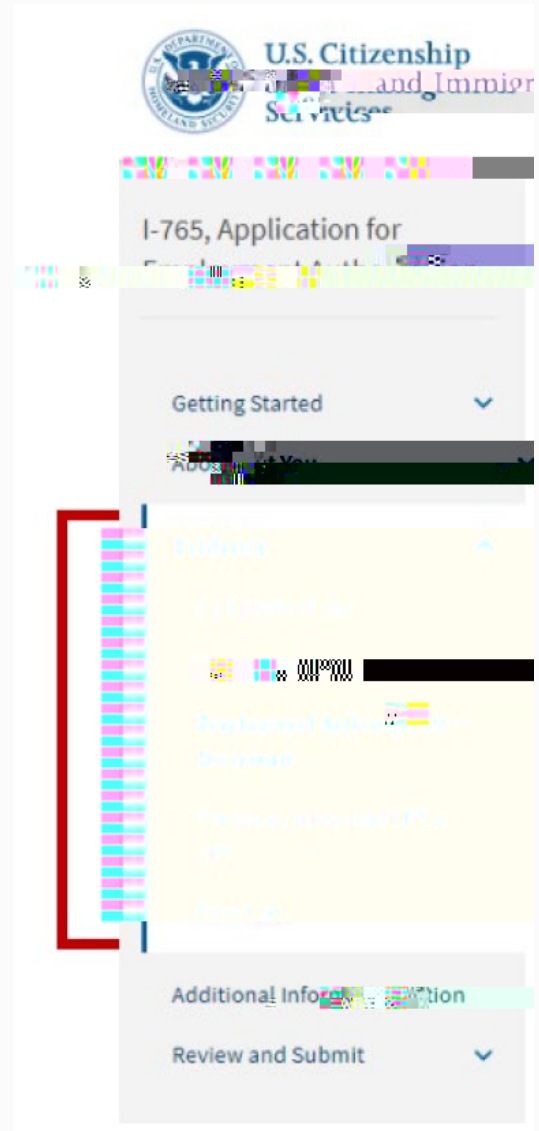
- What is your A-number?

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Evidence



2x2 Photo of you:

Form I-94:

Employment Authorization Document:

Evidence (Cont.)

Previously authorized CPT or OPT:

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Form I-20:

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Tips for Uploading Evidence

- Make sure each image is clear and that all text is readable.
- You can upload multiple files in each section, if needed.
- Files must not be larger than 6MB.
- Files must be in one of these formats: PDF, JPG, or JPEG. For some forms, USCIS also accepts files in TIF or TIFF format.
- Do not encrypt or password protect your files.



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Additional information

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Additional Information (Cont)

(as applicable to your situation)

Section
Information:

Additional



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Review and Submit

Review your application

Review your application:

Read and agree to the “Applicant’s Statement”

Digitally sign

Pay the application fee:

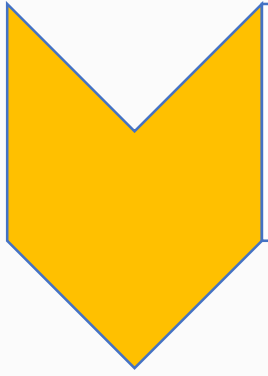
Review & Submit (Cont)



Submit your application!

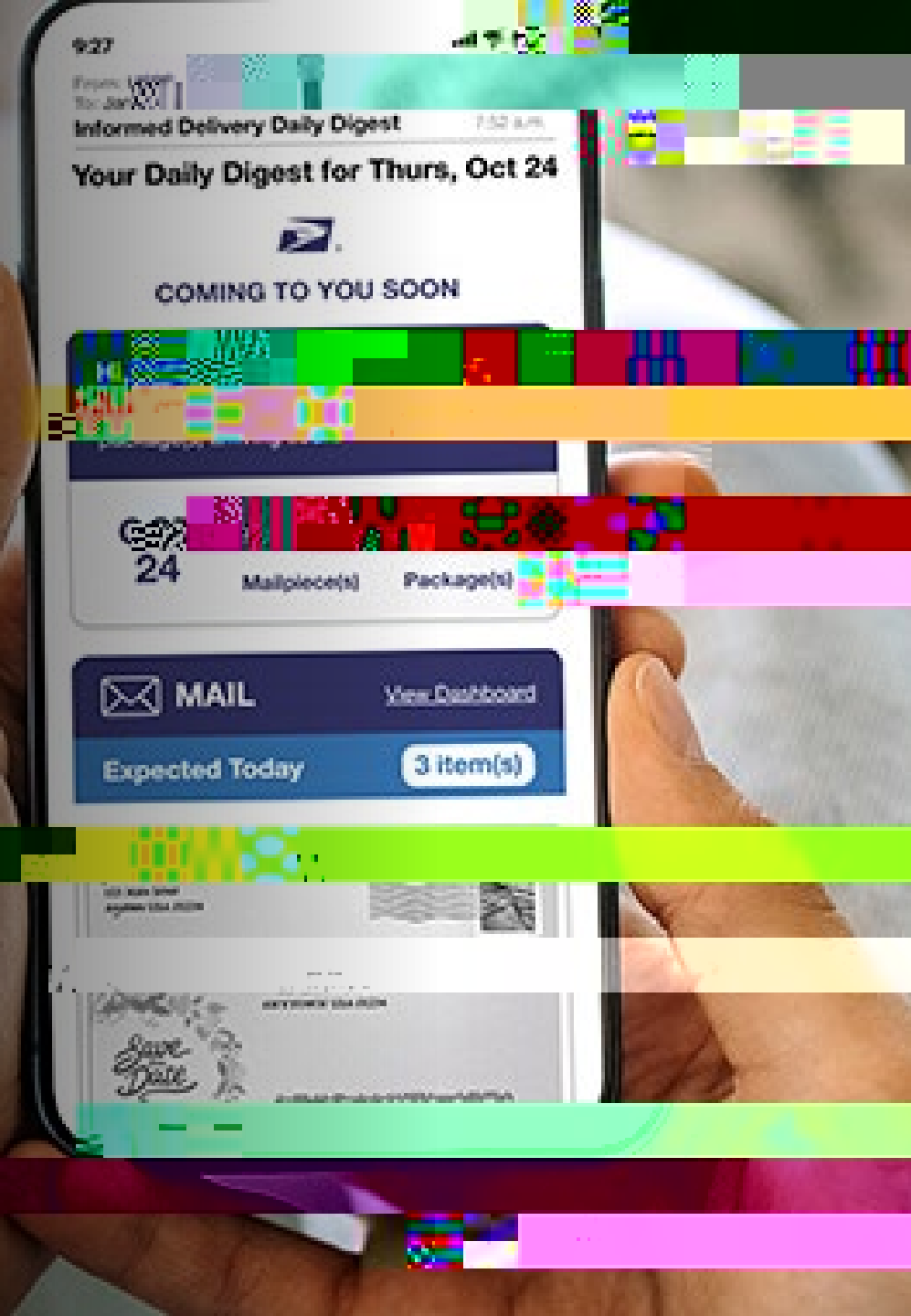
IMPORTANT: Once you submit your payment information and the payment is successfully received, USCIS considers your application **OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED**. You cannot change or edit your I-765 application responses after payment has been submitted





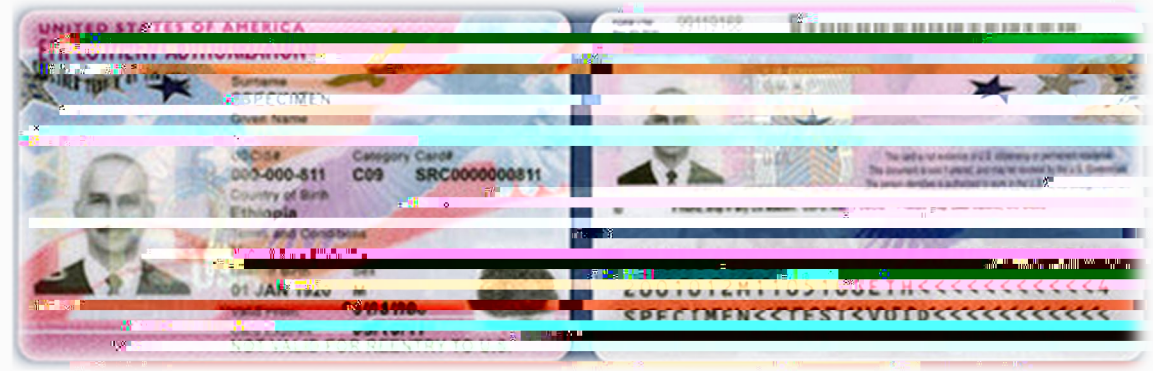
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INFORMED DELIVERY BY USPS



**Maintain F-1 Status while
Completing Post-
Completion OPT**

Employment



www.ssa.gov



Valid Employment Categories

How to Re-Enter Safely

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INSURANCE



<https://jcbins.com/>

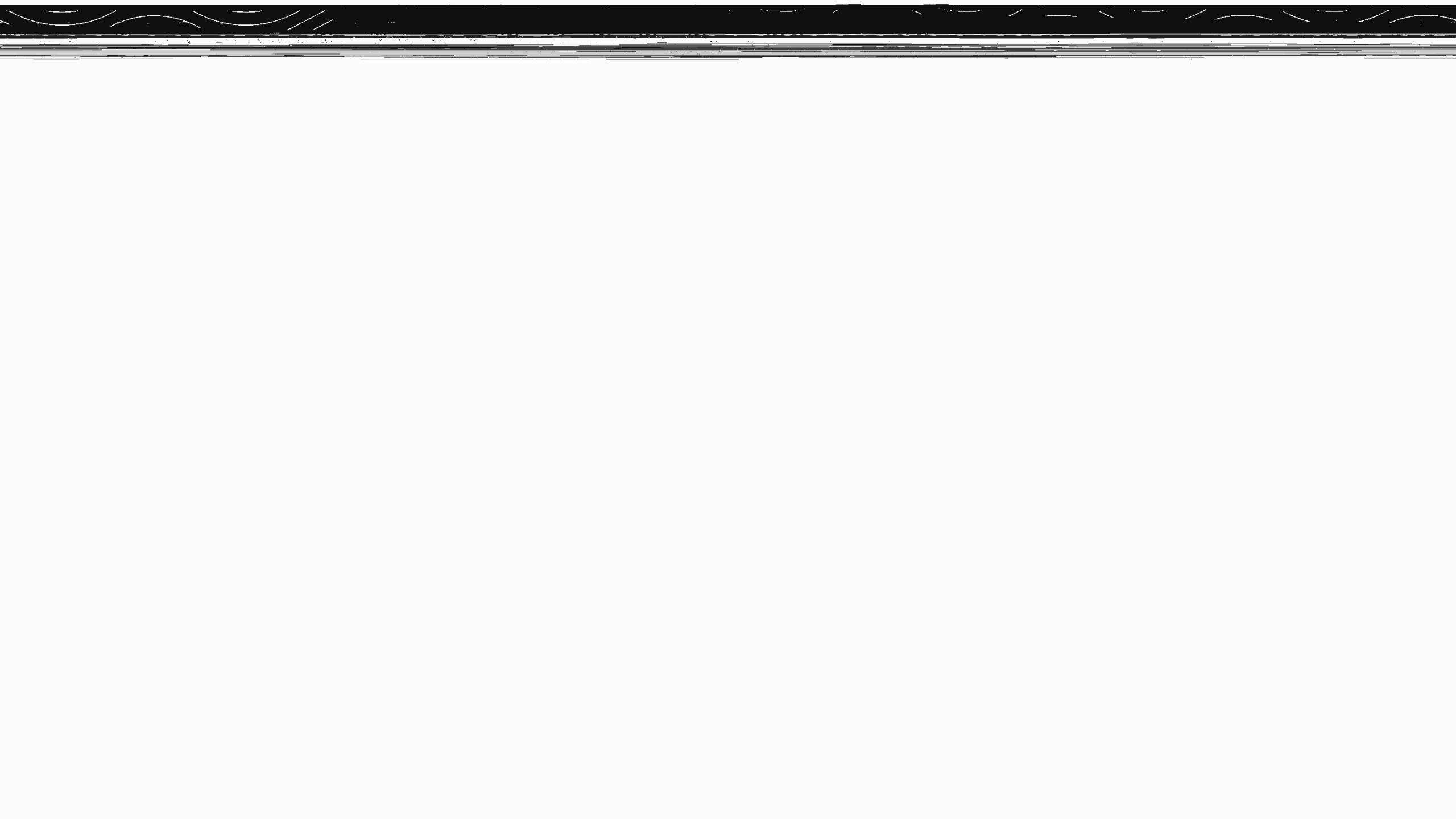
JCB Plan

within 30 days

alternative insurance

providers

Ending Post-Completion OPT



Helpful Resources

Career Development Center (CDC) Resources

College Job and Internship feeds

Beach Connect- Advising



sso.csub.edu

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Visit
studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students

The screenshot shows the website's header with the Department of Homeland Security logo and the 'STUDY in the STATES' title. A navigation bar includes 'STUDENTS', 'SCHOOLS', 'BLOG', and 'TOOLS'. The 'STUDENTS' section features a video player with a play button icon and a description: 'Prospective and current F or M students can use information on this page to learn about the processes and rules for studying in the United States as an international student.' Below this are two columns: 'LEARN' with links for 'How to Study in the States', 'View the Study Guide for Study in the States', 'Obtain a Form I-20', and 'Know about F or M Status'; and 'MAINTAIN' with a link for 'Transfer as an international student'. A 'Language' dropdown menu is visible in the top right.

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