

Important EAD Changes Ahead

DHS is expected to remove the automatic 540-day extension of employment authorization documents (EADs) for all renewals filed on or after 10/30/25. The interim final rule to be published in the Federal Register on 10/30/25 will apply to all categories eligible for the extension.

Impacted categories include: Withholding of Deportation or Removal Granted (A10); TPS

Granted (A12); Spouse of principal E and L-1 (A17 & A18), and H-4 nonimmigrants (C26);

Asylum application pending (C8); Pending Adjustment of Status (C9); cancellation of removal applicants (C10), and VAWA Self-Petitioners (C31), among others. See the full list.



NOTE: The rule should not impact the 180-day automatic extension for individuals applying for STEM OPT, as this automatic extension is authorized under the separate regulation of 8 CFR 274a.12(b)(6)(iv). The IFR does not revise or address that provision of law. Moreover, USCIS has previously confirmed that the 8 CFR 274a.13(d) automatic extension provision does not apply to the STEM OPT auto extension.



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