

What's OPT?

OPT is a temporary employment authorization for F-1 students to gain practical work experience in their field of study. It is available to students who are currently in school or have recently graduated. OPT is a benefit of the F-1 visa and is not a separate visa category. It allows students to work for a maximum of 90 days per employer and a total of 12 months. OPT is available to students in all fields of study, but there are some restrictions on the types of work that can be performed. For example, OPT is not available to students in the fields of agriculture, commerce, education, finance, health care, law, and social work. OPT is also not available to students who are currently employed by their school or a related organization. OPT is a valuable opportunity for students to gain practical work experience and to explore their career options. It is important for students to understand the rules and regulations of OPT and to apply for it as early as possible. OPT is a temporary authorization and does not guarantee a permanent job. It is important for students to have a backup plan in case their OPT authorization expires. OPT is a benefit of the F-1 visa and is not a separate visa category. It allows students to work for a maximum of 90 days per employer and a total of 12 months. OPT is available to students in all fields of study, but there are some restrictions on the types of work that can be performed. For example, OPT is not available to students in the fields of agriculture, commerce, education, finance, health care, law, and social work. OPT is also not available to students who are currently employed by their school or a related organization. OPT is a valuable opportunity for students to gain practical work experience and to explore their career options. It is important for students to understand the rules and regulations of OPT and to apply for it as early as possible. OPT is a temporary authorization and does not guarantee a permanent job. It is important for students to have a backup plan in case their OPT authorization expires.

How long can a student work on OPT?

12 months. OPT is available for a maximum of 12 months. The length of OPT depends on the student's field of study. For students in the fields of science, engineering, and technology, OPT is available for a maximum of 36 months. For students in all other fields, OPT is available for a maximum of 12 months. OPT is available to students who are currently in school or have recently graduated. It is important for students to understand the rules and regulations of OPT and to apply for it as early as possible. OPT is a temporary authorization and does not guarantee a permanent job. It is important for students to have a backup plan in case their OPT authorization expires.

What happens after OPT ends for a student?

After OPT ends, a student must either find a permanent job, return to school, or leave the country. If a student finds a permanent job, they must apply for an H-1B visa. If a student returns to school, they must apply for a new F-1 visa. If a student leaves the country, they must apply for a new visa. It is important for students to understand the rules and regulations of OPT and to apply for it as early as possible. OPT is a temporary authorization and does not guarantee a permanent job. It is important for students to have a backup plan in case their OPT authorization expires.