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## GUIDELINES WHILE ON POST-COMPLETION OPT IN F-1 STATUS

### General Information:

1. If your OPT was based on graduation and you DID NOT graduate, please speak with an international advisor in the International Programs & Initiatives (IPI) as soon as possible.
2. Keep your OPT card with you at ALL times.

3. You must notify IPI if you change employers. You are required to report the last workday in your SUHYLRXV SRVLWLRQ DQG Wkdresshd the \$ad Date of your employment. We will also need a description of how your new position relates to your field of study.
4. If you choose to use the SEVP Portal (<https://sevp.ice.gov/opt/#/login>) to update any of your personal or employment information you MUST notify IPI. We will check your SEVIS record, determine if a new I-20 is needed, and collect required documentation from you for our records.

#### Unemployment days :

Students on OPT can accumulate only 90 days of unemployment. Each day (including Saturday and Sunday, national holidays, days outside the U.S.) during the period when OPT authorization begins and ends that the student does not have qualifying employment counts as a day of unemployment. OPT authorization start date and end date are shown on the student's EAD.

If you accumulate 90 days of unemployment you SHOULD plan on leaving the U.S. on day 91 or before. If you were hired on day 90 you must be working on day 91. It is important that you keep track of your unemployment days since you are considered out-of-status after exceeding 90 days of unemployment, and this could impact future immigration benefits.

#### Qualifying employment: