

Change of Employer While STEM Extension is Pending

A Change of employer while STEM Extension is pending requires notification to USCIS of this change. Please note that STEM Extension RFE's have been increasing, so changing employers while STEM is pending could cause additional delays in your STEM adjudication. The new employer must also be an e-verify employer.

Step 1: Complete STEM ISSO E-forms:

- [STEM Employer Update](#)
- [STEM Extension Request E-form](#) (New I-983 and I-765 are required)

If you were working for the old employer while the STEM Extension start date commenced, the ISSO needs a copy of the final evaluation for this employment. You can upload the final evaluation in the STEM Employer Update e-form linked above.

If your STEM Extension start date has not commenced, no final evaluation is needed.

Step 2: Once ISSO issues you a new Form I-20 with the new employer noted, an ISSO advisor will reach out to the USCIS Service Center Adjudicating your petition to alert them of this change.

An ISSO advisor will reach out to you to obtain a copy of your I-797C Receipt Notice for your pending STEM OPT application. You will also need to appear at the ISSO to sign your new Form I-20, as the ISSO advisor will need the signed form to send to USCIS to alert them of your change in employment. **PLEASE BE SURE THAT THE ISSO OBTAINS A COPY OF YOUR SIGNED FORM I-20 BEFORE LEAVING THE ISSO WITH THE NEW FORM I-20.**