Employment Authorization Documents (EADs)

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About UnLocal

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Legal Team + Education Team
We are not part of the government

A collaboration with 6 non-profit organizations - "PSPP"

• Catholic Migration Services (CMS)
• Central American Legal Assistance (CALA)
• Masa
• New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)
• Venezuelans and Immigrants Aid (VIA)
• African Communities Together (ACT)
What is an EAD?

- Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) are documents issued by the US government that permit eligible non-citizens to work legally in the United States.
- AKA work permits
- It comes in the form of an identification card, and it can be used as a government-issued ID.
- With an EAD, people will receive a Social Security Card
- If you are not a U.S. citizen or a Permanent Resident, employers will often expect you to have an EAD card to make sure you are legally allowed to work.
Who qualifies for an EAD?

● Many types of applicants qualify for an EAD, including asylum applicants, DACA recipients, F1 visa holders, U visa applicants, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients, people under an Order of Supervision, and more.

● Today we will discuss 2 main bases for applying for an EAD:
  ○ Asylum applicants
  ○ Parolees
EADs for Asylum Seekers

- **The “Clock”** → how many days an asylum application has been pending with USCIS or with Immigration Court
- Asylum seekers may **submit** an application for an EAD when the clock reaches **150 days**.
- They are then eligible to **receive** an EAD when the clock reaches **180 days**.
- To check the number of days on your clock:
  - Defensive Asylum (Immigration Court): Call EOIR Automated Case Information System at (800) 898–7180
  - Affirmative Asylum (USCIS): calculate number of days starting with the day I-589 application was received by USCIS
EADs for Asylum Seekers (continued)

When the Clock might stop! “Applicant-caused delays”

When the case is pending with USCIS at the Asylum Office
- A request to transfer a case to a new asylum office or interview location
- A request to reschedule an interview for a later date
- Failure to appear at an interview or biometrics appointment
- Etc.

When the case is pending with EOIR at the Immigration Court
- A request for the case to be continued so you can get an attorney
- A request by the applicant or attorney for additional time to prepare the case;
- The Judge granting a Motion to Change Venue
- Etc
How to apply for a first-time EAD as an Asylum Seeker

- **Form**: I-765, Application for Employment Authorization;
- **To include with Form I-765**:
  - Proof that I-589 application was filed:
    - I-797C USCIS receipt notice or stamped copy of I-589 submitted to Immigration Court
  - Copy of identity document with photo: passport biographic page, foreign ID (must include certified English translation if it’s in a foreign language), etc.
  - Copy of visa and/or I-94 if available;
  - If applying as child based on parent’s asylum application, copy of birth certificate with certified English translation
  - Two identical passport-sized photographs of you, taken within the last 30 days;
  - Certificates of Disposition if there is a criminal record

**First-time EADs for Asylum Applicants are FREE**
Certificate of Translation

All foreign language documents must be translated into English and be accompanied by a Certificate of Translation.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSLATION

I, [TRANSLATOR’S NAME], certify that I am competent in both the English and Spanish languages, and that I translated this [DOCUMENT NAME] to the best of my knowledge and ability.

[Blank space for signature]

Translator

Date:
Filling out the I-765 as a first-time Asylum Seeker

You can either apply **ONLINE** or **BY MAIL**

**For applications by mail:**

Make sure you download the **most recent version** of Form I-765 directly from USCIS’ website @ https://www.uscis.gov/i-765.
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For applications filed online:

You will need to create a USCIS Account through myaccount.uscis.gov and have a valid email address.

Only certain I-765 can be filed online, but this does include asylum seekers and parolees.
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From USCIS website:

Forms and Document Downloads
- Form I-765 (PDF, 454.29 KB)
- Instructions for Form I-765 (PDF, 751.16 KB)
- Form I-765 Worksheet (PDF, 243.14 KB)

Checklist of Required Initial Evidence (for informational purposes only)
View the checklist of required initial evidence.

Instructions on how to fill out the form
If filing by mail, find the correct filing address

Where to File
The filing address depends on your reason for applying and the eligibility category you entered in Question 27. Please check the filing locations for Form I-765 for a list of addresses. If you are a replacing a card that has incorrect information, please see the Special Instructions provided below.
Filling out the I-765

To be completed by an attorney or Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)-accredited representative (if any).  
☐ Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.  
Attorney or Accredited Representative  
USCIS Online Account Number (if any)  

▲ START HERE - Type or print in black ink.

Part 1. Reason for Applying  
I am applying for (select only one box):
1.a. ☐ Initial permission to accept employment.  
1.b. ☐ Replacement of lost, stolen, or damaged employment authorization document, or correction of my employment authorization document NOT DUE to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) error.  
   NOTE: Replacement (correction) of an employment authorization document due to USCIS error does not require a new Form I-765 and filing fee. Refer to Replacement for Card Error in the What is the Filing Fee section of the Form I-765 Instructions for further details.  
1.c. ☐ Renewal of my permission to accept employment.  
   (Attach a copy of your previous employment authorization document.)

Part 2. Information About You  
Your Full Legal Name  
1.a. Family Name (Last Name)  
1.b. Given Name (First Name)  
1.c. Middle Name

Other Names Used  
Provide all other names you have ever used, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 6. Additional Information.  
2.a. Family Name (Last Name)  
2.b. Given Name (First Name)  
2.c. Middle Name  
3.a. Family Name (Last Name)  
3.b. Given Name (First Name)  
3.c. Middle Name  
4.a. Family Name (Last Name)  
4.b. Given Name (First Name)  
4.c. Middle Name
Required information for I-765

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<th>Has the Social Security Administration (SSA) ever officially issued a Social Security card to you?</th>
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**Required**

- Note that you will want to mark Yes for 14 and 15 if you do not already have a Social Security number.
- Social Security cards usually do NOT arrive at the same time as the EAD card.
### Required information for I-765

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#### Information About Your Last Arrival in the United States

21.a. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)  
21.b. Passport Number of Your Most Recently Issued Passport  
21.c. Issuance Date of Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)  
21.d. Country That Issued Your Passport or Travel Document  
21.e. Expiration Date for Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)  
22. Date of Your Last Arrival into the United States, On or About (mm/dd/yyyy)  
23. Place of Your Last Arrival into the United States  
24. Immigration Status at Your Last Arrival (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, or no status)  
25. Your Current Immigration Status or Category (for example, B-2 visitor, F-1 student, parolee, deferred action, or no status or category)  
26. Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Number (if any)  
   - N-  

#### Information About Your Eligibility Category

27. Eligibility Category. Enter in the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Form I-765 Instructions to determine the appropriate eligibility category for this application. Enter the appropriate letter and number for your eligibility category below (for example, O-1O, O-1O(189))  
28. (O-1O) STEM OPT Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (O-1O) in Item Number 27, provide the information requested in Items Numbers 28.a - 28.c.  
28.a. Degree  
28.b. Employer’s Name as Listed in I-765  
28.c. Employer’s E-Verify Company Identification Number or a Valid I-Verify Client Company Identification Number  
29. (c)(8) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(8) in Item Number 27, provide the receipt number of your I-94 record and enter Form I-94 Notice for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker  
30. (c)(8) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(8) in Item Number 27, have you EVER been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - NOTE: If you answered “Yes” in Item Number 30, refer to Special Filing Instructions for Those With Pending Asylum Applications (c)(8) in the Required Documentation section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.  
31.a. (c)(35) and (c)(36) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) or (c)(36) in Item Number 27, please provide the receipt number of your Form I-907 Notice for Form I-140, Petition for a National Worker. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) in Item Number 27, please provide the receipt number of your spouse’s or parent’s Form I-907 Notice for Form I-140  
31.b. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(35) or (c)(36) in Item Number 27, have you EVER been arrested for and/or convicted of any crime?  
   - Yes  
   - No  
   - NOTE: If you answered “Yes” in Item Number 31.b, refer to Employment-Based Nonimmigrant Categories, Items 8 - 9, in the Who May File Form I-765 section of the Form I-765 Instructions for information about providing court dispositions.  

- If you do not recall certain information, do your best to put the best answer possible.  
- Question 24: If someone entered through the border without documentation, put EWI (Entered Without Inspection) or “no status”  
- Question 27: The category for asylum seekers is (c)(8).
Required information for I-765

Part 3. Applicant’s Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the Penalties section of the Form I-765 Instructions before completing this section. You must file Form I-765 while in the United States.

Applicant’s Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either Item Number 1.a. or 1.b. If applicable, select the box for Item Number 2.

1.a. I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question is

1.b. The interpreter named in Part 4.a. read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question is

Applicant’s Contact Information

3. Applicant’s Daytime Telephone Number

4. Applicant’s Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

5. Applicant’s Email Address (if any)

6. Select this box if you are a Salvadoran or Guatemalan national eligible for benefits under the ABC settlement agreement.

Applicant’s Declaration and Certification

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photographs of original documents. I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any and all of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit that I seek. I further authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records, to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration law.

I understand that USCIS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometric(s) (fingerprints, photograph and/or signature) and, at that time, if it is required to provide biometrics, I will be required to sign an oath/affirmation that:

1. I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application, and
2. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that all of the information in my application and any document submitted with it was provided or authorized by me, that I reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

Applicant’s Signature

7a. Applicant’s Signature

7b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS: If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

Part 4. Interpreter’s Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

Interpreter’s Full Name

1a. Interpreter’s Family Name (Last Name)

1b. Interpreter’s Given Name (First Name)

2. Interpreter’s Business or Organization Name (if any)

Interpreter’s Mailing Address

3a. Street Number and Name


3c. City or Town

3d. State : Zip Code

3e. Province

3g. Postal Code

3h. Country

Interpreter’s Contact Information

4. Interpreter’s Daytime Telephone Number

5. Interpreter’s Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Interpreter’s Email Address (if any)

Interpreter’s Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that

1. I am fluent in English and
2. All of the information contained in Part 5, Item Number 1.b. and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question, and answer on the application, including the Applicant’s Declaration and Certification, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

Interpreter’s Signature

7a. Interpreter’s Signature

7b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 5. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other Than the Applicant (continued)

Preparer’s Full Name

1a. Preparer’s Family Name (Last Name)

1b. Preparer’s Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer’s Business or Organization Name (if any)

Preparer’s Mailing Address

3a. Street Number and Name


3c. City or Town

3d. State : Zip Code

3e. Province

3g. Postal Code

3h. Country

Preparer’s Contact Information

4. Preparer’s Daytime Telephone Number

5. Preparer’s Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Preparer’s Email Address (if any)

Preparer’s Certification

By my signature, I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the Applicant’s Declaration and Certification, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer’s Signature

8a. Preparer’s Signature

8b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)
Required information for I-765

If you have anything you wish to add more detail about or clarify, you may do so here.
After submitting the I-765

Receipt notice:

After submitting the I-765, the application will receive a receipt notice (I-797C Notice of Action from USCIS) letting you know that they have received your application. If application sent by mail, this arrives after a few weeks or sometimes a little longer. If submitted online, the receipt notice arrives in a few days.

Biometrics appointment:

The applicant will receive a I-797C Notice of Action from USCIS to get fingerprints taken at a specific location on a specific date. People must bring the notice and a photo ID. They should not miss this appointment, as it is very difficult to reschedule.
After completing biometrics, first-time asylum EAD applications are generally approved within several months.

If USCIS needs more information before approving: they will send a Request for Evidence (RFE) listing the additional documentation they need in order to approve, with a specific deadline by which it must be submitted, and the address of the office where it must be sent.
Processing times and receiving the EAD

- Processing Times: https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/
- Online Status (Have your Receipt Number!): https://egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/
Social Security Cards

- If the Social Security card does not arrive within a few weeks after the EAD card does, the applicant should go to their nearest Social Security Administration office.
- To find the nearest Social Security Office: https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp
- Either walk-in or make an appointment
How long does an EAD remain valid?

- The EAD will remain valid until the expiration date listed on the card. **For asylum seekers, the card must be renewed every two years.**
- There is currently an automatic extension of asylum seekers’ EADs by 540 days, if they file their renewal before the expiration date of their current EAD.
- Applicants should try to submit renewal applications for their EAD at least a few months before the expiration date, but we recommend 6 months before because (c)(8) renewals **can take a year.**
Renewing the EAD for Asylum Applicants

- The EAD renewal process will largely require the same documents as before: The completed I–765, any passports/visas/I–94 documents, and two recent passport-sized photos.
- Also include a copy of the current EAD
- Renewals can be done by mail or online.
- Renewals are not free – must pay $410 or apply for a fee waiver.
Fee Waivers

How to apply for a fee waiver

● If you are unable to afford the $410 filing fee at this time, you can attempt to file a I–912, Request for Fee Waiver. You qualify for a fee waiver if:
  ○ (1) You, your spouse, or the head of your household is getting a means-tested benefit. This is usually medicaid, and we prove this through a letter from the NY State Department of Health stating you are eligible for Medicaid. (A medicaid ID card alone is not enough.)
  ○ (2) Your household income is less than 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; or
  ○ (3) You have a financial hardship.
● Medicaid is the easiest and the most straightforward way to receive a fee waiver.
**Medicaid Letter Sample**

**nystateofhealth**

**The Official Health Plan Marketplace**

**January 12, 2021**

**Account ID:**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**ABOUT YOUR PLAN ENROLLMENT**

Dear [Name],

This notice concerns your health insurance through NY State of Health as of [Effective Date]. If any of the enrollment information listed below is not correct, please call us right away.

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If you have a monthly premium, you will receive an invoice from your health plan. You must pay the monthly premium to start and keep your coverage. You will receive information about benefits and your health plan identification card directly from your health plan.

Call NY State of Health at 1-855-255-5777 (TTY: 1-800-662-1233) to get help in other languages or for help reading this notice. This notice is also available in other formats. Call for more information. To find a navigator or certified application assistant near you, visit https://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or call us.
EADs for Parolees

- EADs available for those who entered on parole
- **Category (c)(11)**
- Same requirements as (c)(8) EADs, but must also include “a copy of your valid, unexpired Form I-94, passport, or other travel document showing you were paroled into the United States”
- Can **usually** find most recent I-94 online (with passport # or sometimes A#)
EADs for Parolees

- EADs only last for the duration of parole
- If parole period is under 2 years, likely not worth applying due to long processing times
- (c)(11) EADs are not free - they cost $410 or require a fee waiver
How to check case processing times

Website:
https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/

Have receipt notice on hand with the relevant USCIS field office
When an EAD is no longer needed for work authorization

- An EAD is no longer required to provide work authorization for those granted asylum or who received permanent residence.
- Asylum recipients and permanent residence may get unrestricted social security cards, providing them the right to work indefinitely. They may still keep and renew their EAD card as a form of a government-issued ID as long as remains valid.
- To get an unrestricted social security card: make an appointment at the nearest Social Security Administration office, fill out an application for a new Social Security Card, bring a form of ID verifying both your age and identity (i.e. passport), and either a judge’s order granting asylum or a USCIS notice granting you asylum.
Restricted Social Security Card vs. Unrestricted
Questions?
More Resources

https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/

- National Guide to Seeking Legal Representation

www.vianyc.org
www.unlocal.org/resources
www.rifnyc.org