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Student and Exchange Visitor Program: Notice of Failure to Report Optional Practical Training Employer and Exceeding Permissible Period of Unemployment

Your student record, as maintained in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), indicates that you have been participating in Optional Practical Training (OPT) for more than 90 days but have not reported any employer information.

OPT provides nonimmigrant students with the opportunity to continue learning through work-based training in a position that is directly related to their major area of study. To ensure that nonimmigrant students are fully and actively engaged in practical training experiences, federal regulations limit permissible periods of unemployment to an aggregate of 90 days for the 12-month OPT period. Title 8 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(E).

Because there is no employer information in your SEVIS record, you are accumulating unemployment days and may have exceeded the permissible period of unemployment. If you have been employed during your OPT time, you must correct your SEVIS record. Please contact your DSO or utilize the SEVIS Portal to update your information. Failure to take corrective action may result in the initiation of immigration proceedings to remove you from the United States.

If your SEVIS record is not updated within 15 days of the date of this notice, SEVP will set your SEVIS record to “terminated” to reflect the lack of employer information and the potential that you may have violated your status either by failing to timely report OPT employment or by exceeding the permissible period of unemployment while on OPT.

Should you wish to speak to someone regarding this notice, contact the SEVP Response Center via email at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov or by telephone at (703) 603-3400 or (800) 892-4829. If you contact the SEVP Response Center about this letter, indicate you received this letter regarding your employment record in your introduction, providing your full name and SEVIS ID.

Sincerely,
Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)