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	submit a copy of your degree, the employer name as listed in E-Verify, along with the E-Verify Company Identification Number, or a valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number, for the employer with whom you are seeking the 17-month OPT extension. This information must be provided in Item #17 of the application form.
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7. <b>(c)(3)(i)</b> , F-1 student seeking optional practical training;	7. <b>(c)(3)(i)</b> , F-1 student seeking optional practical training;	7. <b>(c)(3)(A), (c)(3)(B), or (c)(3)(C)</b> , F-1 student seeking optional practical training;

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		17. If you entered the Eligibility Category, (c)(3)(C), in item 16 above, list your degree, your employer's name as listed in E-Verify, and your employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number in the space below.
		Degree:
		Employer's Name as listed in E-Verify: ————————————————————————————————————
		Employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a valid E- Verify Client Company Identification Number

## **Justification for the form revisions**

The revisions to the Form I-765 and its instructions are necessary in order to accommodate the new rule authorizing the 17-month extension of post-completion optional practical training for STEM students. These changes are required to incorporate the new eligibility requirements in the instructions to the application form, as well as the form itself, to ensure proper adjudication of the OPT application, based on the specific type of OPT sought.