

Application for J-2 Work Permission or Extension of J-2 Work Permission

You must send the following documents to US Citizenship and Immigration Services (US CIS):

1. Form I-765 (See Note 2 below.)
2. Statement of Request for J-2 Work Permission (See page 2)
3. Check or Money Order Payable to US CIS – for current fees see: <http://www.uscis.gov/> “Immigration Forms”.
4. Photocopies of Most Recent DS-2019s of both the J-1 and J-2 (See Note 3 below.)
5. Photocopies of I-94 cards of both the J-1 and J-2
6. Photocopy of current EAD Card (If asking for an extension of J-2 work permission. Copy the front and back of the card. See Note 3 below.)
7. Two photos

Applications should be mailed to:

US Citizenship and Immigration Services
Nebraska Service Center
P.O. Box 87765
Lincoln, NE 68501-7765

Notes:

1. Individuals applying for J-2 work permission need to complete the I-765: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/form/I-765.pdf> The answer to #16 in the I-765 form is (C)(5).
2. You must show that the J-1 has enough money to meet both the J-1 and J-2 living expenses. US CIS will only grant J-2 work permission for the purpose of “supporting the family’s customary recreational and cultural activities and related travel, among other things.” [8 CFR 214.2 (j)(v)]
3. J-2 work permission is valid only if both the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and the J-1’s DS-2019 are current. It is your responsibility to ensure that both documents are valid. If you are asking for an extension of your J-2 work permission, you may need to first extend your DS-2019. Work permission will not be extended past the expiration date of the J-1’s DS-2019. However, your work permission does not necessarily expire on the same date as the J-1’s DS-2019; your work permission may expire earlier.

Statement of Request for J-2 Work Permission

Date

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a J-2 Exchange Visitor, and I am requesting permission to accept employment in order to support my family's customary recreational and cultural activities and related travel as per the regulations found at 8 CFR 214.2 (j)(v). My earnings in no way will be used to support the J-1 principal Exchange Visitor.

Print Name of J-2

Date of Birth

Country of Citizenship

Street Address

City State Zip Code

Signature of J-2