



The purpose of the form is to request an updated Form I-20 reflecting the Cap-Gap Extension. Current immigration regulations permit certain F-1 students with a pending or approved H-1B petition to automatically extend their F-1 status and work authorization (OPT or STEM OPT) beyond the end date of their current employment authorization through September 30. This period, known as the Cap-Gap, applies only to students whose H-1B petitions were filed with a request to change status within the United States. This extension allows eligible students to continue employment while awaiting the start of their H-1B status on October 1.

Please complete all sections below and email the completed form, along with supporting documentation, to your International Student Advisor for processing.

Section 1: Student Information

Surname/Last Name (as listed on form I-20): _____
Given/First Name: _____
SEVIS ID # N00 _____
Aggie ID#: _____
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
Email Address (non-NMSU): _____
Current U.S. Physical Address: _____
Phone #: _____

Section 2: OPT Details

Current OPT type: ☐ Post-Completion OPT ☐ STEM OPT Extension
OPT Start Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)
OPT End Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy)

Student's Signature Date:

Section 3: To be completed by Employer (HR or Legal representative)

Please select one of the options below and provide the necessary documentation.

- ☐ H-1B Filing Date – copy of your H-1B Receipt Notice (form I-797C)
☐ H-1B Approved Date – copy of H-1B Approval Notice (Form I-797A/B)

Section 4: Employer/Legal Representative Certification

I certify that our organization has filed an H-1B petition on behalf of the student named above with USCIS. The start date of this H-1B will be _____.

I understand that this information will be used by the students' Designated School Official (DSO) to determine eligibility for a Cap-Gap I-20.

Employer/Legal Representative's Name: _____

HR or Legal Representative's Signature Date:

Email this form along with the required documents to ISSS@NMSU.EDU.