

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Form I-765: employment authorization and the EAD record

Is applying for an EAD the same as receiving permission to work?

No. An I-765 request, an issued Employment Authorization Document and employment authorization under a particular immigration category are distinct concepts. The official form page describes several uses. A pending request or a general guide does not establish that a particular person can work.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Describe whether the question concerns authorization, a card or delivery.
- ☐ Preserve the relevant category code and its source notice.
- ☐ Gather previous EAD and agency notice information privately.
- ☐ Separate filing, decision and delivery events.
- ☐ Read the current I-765 alerts and category-specific instructions.
- ☐ Resolve work-permission questions before relying on a generic organizer.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

USCIS: I-765: Employment Authorization

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>

USCIS: Policy Manual: evidence

<https://www.uscis.gov/policy-manual/volume-1-part-e-chapter-6>

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General information

This free organizer is not a government form and does not submit an application, establish eligibility, preserve a deadline or replace individual legal advice. Government filing fees and professional services are separate.