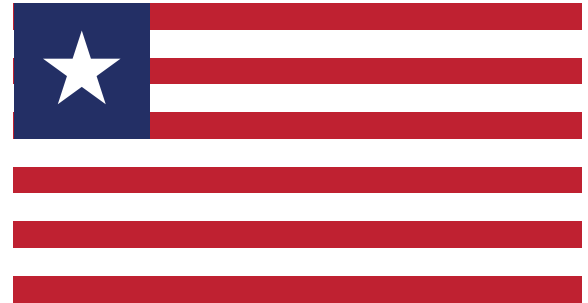




# EXTENSION OF DED FOR LIBERIANS

## WHAT IS DED?

Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberians was initially granted by President George W. Bush in 2007 and allowed citizens of Liberia, or non-citizens without nationality who last resided in Liberia, to remain in the United States and obtain employment authorization for 18-month periods as long as they met the eligibility requirements for DED. This program has been extended several times throughout the years.



Most recently, on January 20, 2021, President Biden reinstated DED for Liberians and extended it through June 30, 2022. Liberians who had DED as of January 10, 2021, may remain in the United States and obtain employment authorization through June 30, 2022. This means that employment authorization cards (work permits) with an expiration date of March 30, 2020, or January 20, 2021, for Liberians with DED have been automatically extended until June 30, 2022. The purpose of reinstating DED for Liberians is to allow additional time for eligible Liberians to apply for adjustment of status under the [Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness \(LRIF\)](#) provision **on or before December 20, 2021**.

## EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CRITERIA:

You are eligible for employment authorization under the extended DED period for Liberians if you:

- Have continuously resided in the United States since October 1, 2002; AND
- Held temporary protected status (TPS) on September 30, 2007, the termination date of a former TPS designation for Liberia; AND
- Are currently covered under DED for Liberians.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ► Do I Need to Apply for a New Work Permit?

- No, you do not need to apply for a new work permit. If your work permit expired on March 30, 2020, or January 20, 2021, and has (a)(11) listed on the front, it is automatically extended.
- If you choose to apply for a new work permit, it will have an expiration date of June 30, 2022.

### ► What Documents Can I Present to Prove that I am Eligible for Employment?

- The expired work permit dated March 30, 2020, or January 20, 2021, for Form I-9 employment verification purposes.
- The *Federal Register* notice as proof that the work permit has been extended automatically.

### ► Does Reapplying For a Work Permit Mean I Have Applied for Adjustment of Status Under the LRIF Provision?

- No, applying for a green card under the LRIF is a separate process from reapplying for a DED work permit.
- You have until **December 20, 2021**, to file your adjustment of status application under the LRIF.
- You also have the option of applying for a work permit along with your LRIF adjustment of status application.

### ► What Documents Do I Need to Submit to Prove I Am Eligible For Extension of My Work Permit Through June 30, 2022?

- A copy of the Form I-797, Notice of Action, showing you held TPS on September 30, 2007.
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.
- The Form I-765 fee or Form I-912 fee waiver request with documentation proving receipt of a means-tested public benefit, **OR** proof of income and household size to establish that household income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, **OR** proof of financial hardship.

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