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LIBERIAN DED UPDATE

**IMPORTANT:
APPLY FOR
A WORK
AUTHORIZATION
EXTENSION AS
SOON AS
POSSIBLE**

On March 28, 2019, 3 days before the termination of DED, President Trump granted an extension of DED status and work authorization for one year, through **March 30, 2020**. In the face of public pressure, a lawsuit and proposed legislation, President Trump changed his earlier plan to end DED on March 31, 2019.

DED work authorization is automatically extended through **September 27, 2019**. In order to receive work authorization through **March 30, 2020**, you must file an application to extend your permission to work.

This is a list of important things Liberian DED holders should know and do:

1. Automatic work authorization through September 27, 2019

DHS granted Liberian DED holders a 180-day automatic work authorization extension through **September 27, 2019**.

2. File your work authorization extension as soon as possible

In order to receive work permission through March 30, 2020, **it is important to apply for a work authorization extension as soon as possible**. You can file Form I-765 and a filing fee or fee waiver. If you do not file for an extension, the automatic work authorization you have will be valid only through **September 27, 2019**.

3. Be prepared to show certain documents if asked about your work permission

If asked, you can show your employer the Federal Register Notice to prove that your work permission has been automatically extended through **September 27, 2019**. **After September 27, 2019**, you must show your new work permission card with the extended date of March 30, 2020.

4. Talk to your union rep if you have one

If you belong to a union, talk to your union rep to help you with employer questions about work authorization.

5. Carry proof of DED status

It's important to keep proof that you have DED status with you. Keep a copy of your employment authorization card and a copy of the Federal Register Notice with you. Download a copy of the Federal Register Notice at iAmerica.org/DED.

6. Find out if you qualify for another type of immigration status.

Many DED holders have been in the U.S. for decades and may be eligible for other types of immigration status and benefits. To see a partial list of possible immigration options use the checklist at iAmerica.org/DED and then consult with a reputable immigration attorney or legal services organization. You can also use the online immi tool to find a path that's right for you at iAmerica.org/immi.

7. Know Your Rights! You have rights under the U.S. Constitution

All people in the U.S. have certain rights under the U.S. Constitution. Visit the Know Your Rights section on iAmerica.org.

8. Get reputable legal help.

Find reputable immigration attorneys and legal services organizations at iAmerica.org/legalhelp. Avoid scammers who claim to be able to help you.

9. Take action and make your voice heard!

Get your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers involved in the fight to protect immigrants. Ask them to join you in calling your members of Congress to demand they protect people with DED by supporting the Dream and Promise Act that would provide permanent protections to Dreamers and people with temporary immigration status: 1-888-204-8353

For a copy of the Federal Register Notice, go to iAmerica.org/DED. Don't forget to keep a copy of this Notice with you!

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.