



**IMPORTANT:
FILE FOR WORK
AUTHORIZATION
EXTENSION NOW!**

LIBERIAN DED UPDATE

On March 27, 2018, President Trump announced the termination of Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) for Liberians. Liberian DED holders, many of whom have legally lived, worked and studied in the United States since 1991, will lose their legal status as of March 31, 2019. Automatic work authorization continues only until September 30, 2018.

This is a list of important things Liberians with DED should know and do now:

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Work authorization expires on September 30, 2018. File your work permission extension as soon as possible.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) granted a 180-day automatic work authorization extension, until **September 30, 2018**. In order to receive work permission through March 31, 2019 **it is important to apply for a work authorization extension as soon as possible** in order to avoid gaps in your permission to work.

You can file a Form I-765 with the filing fee or a fee waiver. Go to www.uscis.gov/i-765 for fee information.

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DED continues until March 31, 2019.

DHS terminated Liberian DED but allowed Liberian DED holders to remain in the U.S. legally until March 31, 2019. You can use this time to see if you qualify for another type of immigration status.

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

Many Liberian DED holders have been in the U.S. for years 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.

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Carry proof of DED status.

It's important to keep proof that you have DED status with you. A copy of your employment authorization card, a copy of the Federal Register Notice and a copy of the receipt showing you've applied for an extension of work authorization will prove that you have DED status. Download a copy of the Federal Register Notice at iAmerica.org/DED.

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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 until September 30, 2018. You can also show your employer the receipt notice for your work authorization extension. After September 30, 2018, you must show your new work permission card with the extended date of March 31, 2019.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Stay informed.

Stay informed about other immigration options and the fight to pass legislation to protect Liberian DED holders from deportation. Text “DED” to 802495 to receive recurring alerts of resources and ways to take action.

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

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.