Travelling Abroad during Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Please see the table below to learn more about the different OPT travel scenarios and the risks involved. For more information, please see: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel/faq_f2.htm

Scenario	Risk Level	Documents you should carry
Program of study not yet completed	low	 Valid visa (or exempt for visa) Valid Passport I-20 with valid travel signature Financial Documents Enrollment letter
Program of study completed		
Submitted the OPT Application to the USCIS EAD (Employment Authorization Document) Issued Job Offer	low	 Valid visa (or exempt for visa) Valid Passport I-20 with valid travel signature EAD card A letter from your employer
Submitted the OPT Application to the USCIS EAD (Employment Authorization Document) Issued Job Offer	Somewhat High	 Valid visa (or exempt for visa) Valid Passport I-20 with valid travel signature Proof of OPT application (I-797 Notice of Action) A letter from your employer
Submitted the OPT Application to the USCIS EAD (Employment Authorization Document) Issued Job Offer	High	 Valid visa (or exempt for visa) Valid Passport I-20 with valid travel signature EAD card Financial Documents
Submitted the OPT Application to the USCIS EAD (Employment Authorization Document) Issued Job Offer	Very High	 Valid visa (or exempt for visa) Valid Passport I-20 with valid travel signature Proof of OPT application (I-797 Notice of Action) Financial Documents