



STEM OPT Employer Reporting Responsibilities

Employers of F-1 OPT students granted a 24-month OPT STEM extension must report the student's termination or departure to the student's university within 5 days if it occurs before the end of the authorized OPT STEM period. The report should be sent to the Designated School Official (DSO) at the school. 8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(ii)(C)(6)

Departure is defined as, "when the employer knows the student has left the practical training opportunity, or if the student has not reported for his or her practical training for a period of five consecutive business days without the consent of the employer, whichever occurs earlier.

Employers should provide the following:

- Student's full name
- SEVIS ID # (if available)
- Name of employer
- Date student's employment ended

The information should be sent to the DSO at the George Washington University:

ATTN: DSO

Email: iso-opt@gwu.edu

Telephone: (202) 994 - 4477

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