How to Calculate Remaining OPT Time

We will use a typical example to illustrate how to use the date/time calculator. In this scenario Jane Doe was authorized Pre-completion OPT two times before graduation:

- Full-time summer OPT -- 6/1/2017 to 8/24/2017
- Part-time during the academic year -- 9/15/2017 to 1/15/2017

She is applying for Post-Completion OPT with a requested start date of July 1, 2018.

1. Locate the “valid from” and “card expires” dates for each EAD. In our example, we have two EADs. The first is for Full-Time Summer OPT and the second is for Part-Time OPT during the academic year.

2. Use the time and date calculator to insert these dates. Check “include end date in calculation” box. Click “Calculate Duration” to get the number. In this example, we’ll calculate the Full-Time Summer OPT first.

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<th>Start Date</th>
<th>Full-Time Summer OPT Start and End Dates</th>
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<td>6 / 1 / 2017</td>
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Result: 85 days

Alternative time units
85 days can be converted to one of these units:
- 7,944,000 seconds

3. Refresh the page and complete for each additional EAD. In this example, the second EAD is for part-time Pre-Completion OPT. The number of days is 92, but because it was part-time OPT the number is divided by 2, for a total of 46 days.
1. Add together the number of OPT days used for each EAD.

2. Subtract the total from 365 (total number of days allowed). In this example, the final total of remaining days of OPT is 234.

3. Insert your OPT start date into the Add/Subtract Date Calculator. Add the final number to your requested OPT start date. In this example, 234 remaining days are added to the start date of July 1, 2018 which results in an OPT end date of February 20, 2019.

4. Subtract 1 from the date. In this example, 1 day is subtracted from Feb 20, 2019, and the final OPT end date is Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Now you have your OPT start and end dates! You’ll need them when you complete your application for an OPT I-20.