

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 1/15/2018

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.

Calculate Duration Between Two Dates – Results

Full-Time Summer OPT Start and End Dates

Start Date: Month: 6 / Day: 1 / Year: 2017 / Date: Today

End Date: Month: 8 / Day: 24 / Year: 2017 / Date: Today

Include end date in calculation (1 day is added)

[Add time fields](#) [Add time zone conversion](#) [Count only workdays](#)

[Calculate Duration](#) Click this to get the number

From and including: Thursday, June 1, 2017
To and including: Thursday, August 24, 2017

Result: 85 days Total

Alternative time units
85 days can be converted to one of these units:
• 7,344,000 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.

Calculate Duration Between Two Dates – Results

Part-time OPT
Start and End Dates

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|-------|-------|-----------------|------|-------|-------|
| Start Date | | | | End Date | | | |
| Month: | Day: | Year: | Date: | Month: | Day: | Year: | Date: |
| 9 | 15 | 2017 | | 12 | 15 | 2017 | |
| Today | | | | Today | | | |

Include end date in calculation (1 day is added)

[Add time fields](#) [Count only workdays](#)
[Add time zone conversion](#)

Calculate Duration

From and including: **Friday, September 15, 2017**
To and including: **Friday, December 15, 2017**

Result: 92 days — The number of days is 92 days, but because it was part-time OPT the number is divided by 2, for a total of 46.

Alternative time units
92 days can be converted to one of these units:

- 7,948,800 seconds
- 132,480 minutes

4 Add together the number of OPT days used for each EAD.

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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 85 \text{ — Full-time summer OPT} \\
 + 46 \text{ — Part-time OPT} \\
 \hline
 = 131 \text{ — Days of OPT}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 365 \text{ — Total Number of Days Allowed} \\
 - 131 \text{ — Total Number of Days Used} \\
 \hline
 = 234 \text{ — Final total of remaining days of OPT}
 \end{array}$$

6 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, 2018.

Date Calculator: Add to or Subtract From a Date – Results

This calculator enables you to add or subtract to a date to calculate a past or future date and time.

Start Date Click "Add"

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|---------|--------|-------|
| Month: | Day: | Year: | Date: | Add/Subtract: | Years: | Months: | Weeks: | Days: |
| 7 | 1 | 2018 | | (+) Add | | | | 234 |
| Today | | | | | | | | |

Repeat Include only certain weekdays

Calculate New Date — Click here

From **Sunday, July 1, 2018**
Added 234 days

Result: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 — OPT End Date Before Subtracting 1 Day

7 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**.

Result: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 — OPT End Date

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