

EVALUATION REPORTING PROCESS TO FOLLOW ONCE YOU ARE ON STEM:

Question: I have been on STEM for one year (12 months). What do I need to submit for evaluation?

Answer: You and your latest employer need to complete and sign the Evaluation form (TOP part of the page) page 5 of the I-983 and email it directly to an OIS advisor. If you are at the 2 year (24 months) conclusion of STEM then you and your employer fills out and signs the BOTTOM part of Page 5 (Final Evaluation section) and email it directly to an OIS advisor.

Question: My STEM started on 02/15/17 but I started my current job on 09/15/17. What is the “from date” that I should fill in on the 12 month evaluation form?

Answer: For the 12 month point on STEM you should have your current employer complete the TOP part of Page 5. So for this specific example, the “from date” will be 09/15/17 (current employer start date) and the “end date” will be 02/15/18 (the 12 month mark from when STEM first began on 02/15/17). This form must be signed by you and the employer and emailed or submitted to an OIS advisor directly at the 12 and 24 month points in the STEM OPT Extension period.

Question: I received STEM OPT Extension EAD from May 15, 2017 to May 15, 2019. When do I have to submit the evaluations?

Answer: You will need to submit page 5 of the I-983 directly to an OIS advisor at the 12 month point (in this case at 05/15/18) and the final evaluation at the 24 months point (in this case at 05/15/19).

Question: I started STEM on 02/15/17. When I left my last company I had to complete a final evaluation form. Now I started in a new company from May 1st 2017. When do I turn in the evaluation form?

Answer: You always have to submit a final evaluation when you change jobs while on STEM. This is separate from the 12 month & 24 month evaluation requirements. So in this case, you would need to submit page 5 of the I-983 at the 12 month point of when STEM began (02/15/18) and then again at the 24 month point (02/15/19). The date on 12 month evaluation would be when the new job started (May 1 2017) through 02/15/18 (the 12 month mark).

Question: I started STEM on 06/05/2018 and got a job at McDonalds. I left McDonalds on Oct 15 2019. What dates do I put on my final evaluation?

Answer: You will submit the bottom part of Page 5 that says “Final evaluation” within 10 days of the change. The dates in this example on how you would complete that form is: The “From date” would be the date that you started working for McDonalds (06/05/2018) and the “To date” would be the last day that you worked for this employer (Oct 15, 2019).