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It is possible to travel while on post-Completion OPT, but it is important to make sure that you know what documents you will need to return to the United States before you leave. Before you complete your program, you will still travel as an F1 student. Once you have graduated, the documents that you need will vary depending on the status of your post-Completion OPT application. On the ISSS website there is a chart that shows which documents you need at which time.

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This is the chart that you can find on the ISSS website.

In the first stage, you have completed your program but have not mailed the post-Completion OPT application. In this stage you cannot travel and re-enter the United States. Once you leave the country, you will not be able to come back to the U.S as a F1 student unless you have obtained a new I-20 and F1 visa from another school.

In the second stage, you have mailed the post-Completion OPT application but your application has not been approved. You will need a valid F1 visa, I-20 with current post-Completion OPT travel signature endorsement on the second page, a valid passport, as well as your official USCIS post-Completion OPT receipt. Please note: You cannot renew your F1 visa without your EAD card

In the third stage, you have been approved for post-Completion OPT and have received your EAD card. If you would like to travel, you will need to bring a valid F1 visa, I-20 with current OPT and travel signature endorsement on the second page, a valid passport, your EAD card, as well as a letter from your employer. ISSS website provides more information on the letter, please visit our website for more details.

Please note that if you leave the United States while your post-Completion OPT is pending and your post-Completion OPT is approved when you are outside of the country, you will need your EAD card and letter from employer to return. ISSS does not usually recommend that students travel at this stage before their post-Completion OPT is approved since it can cause a lot of stress and be logistically tricky.

Finally, remember that while you are on post-Completion OPT, your travel signature is only valid for six months.

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While you are on post-Completion OPT, you are allowed to accrue up to 90 days of unemployment. The unemployment date begins when your post-Completion OPT start date begins on your EAD card. Saturday and Sunday are included in the total 90 days allowed. You need to work at least 20 hours per week as long as they are related to your field of study. You must report your employments from ISSS website to avoid accumulating unemployment days. You must report your employment within 10 days of your start date. The website link is [on the slide](#).

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You have now come to the end of the on-line post-Completion OPT tutorial. Please contact your ISSS advisor if you have any questions.

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Next, please click on the Quiz link. Once you complete the quiz, we will update your record at ISSS office that indicates that you have completed the on-line post-Completion OPT tutorial.