

Email dated 5/16/14 from BMV Customer Service:

Foreign nationals are required to provide all their documents with any issuance. On the day of issuance, the passport, I-94, and legal presence document needs to be valid. (visa may or may not be expired). If the I-94 contains no expiration date, the legal presence document determines the expiration date of the Ohio driver license or identification card (I-20, DS2019 etc.)

SEVIS I-20

Applicants that provide a SEVIS I-20 need the following documents:

- Valid passport
- Visa
- I-94
- Applicants will be issued according to the expiration date on the first page. **Applicants cannot be issued prior to the beginning date of school**

SEVIS I-20 WITH OPT-OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING

Applicants that are qualified under OPT will have this information indicated on the 3rd page of the SEVIS I-20. The applicant must have the following documents:

- Valid passport
- Visa
- I-94
- I-20
- EAD- Employment Authorization Card, if the employment card I-766 is not available, the applicant will need the I-797 Receipt Notice with case type I-765 along with a letter from the employer. The applicant will get issued according to the expiration date of the OPT, **applicants can be issued within 60 days of the starting date of the OPT.**

Please note: The letter from the employer must be dated within 60 days

VISA CLASS F-1 AND F-2 STUDENTS:

Applicants with this type of visa are required to provide the following:

- Valid passport
- Visa
- I-94
- Valid SEVIS I-20

The I-94 may expired, as long as the I-20 is valid, this is acceptable

The F-1 (non-immigrant) visa enables an applicant to enroll in academic and language-study programs in the United States. The applicant is permitted to remain in the U.S. up to 60 days after graduation, and you may request permission to stay in the U.S. for up to one additional year of Optional Practical Training (OPT) in their field of study. However, the applicant will be required to present documentation

issued by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in order to renew the Ohio driver license or identification card

VISA CLASS J1 AND J2

Applicants with this type of visa need to provide the following:

- Valid passport
- Visa
- I-94
- Valid DS-2019

If the I-94 is expired then an I-797-Receipt Notice is also required with an acceptable case type- usually the case type will be I-129, I-765, I-539

I-129 Application for employment- employer petitions for applicant (letter from an employer, listed as petitioner is required)

I-765 Application for employment (letter from an employer is required)

I-539 Petition to extend stay or change non-immigrant status

The J-1 (exchange visitor) visa enables an applicant to enroll in a U.S. academic institution if your initial funding is "substantially" derived from sources other than personal or family resources, or if the applicant is participating in an exchange program formally established by a written agreement between governments, or between the university and a foreign government or institution. The applicant is permitted to remain in the U.S. up to 30 days after graduation, and may work for up to 18 months in the U.S. if the employment qualifies as "academic training" and is approved by their sponsor. However, the applicant will be required to present documentation issued by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in order to renew the Ohio driver license or identification card

Non-U.S. citizens must present appropriate documentation issued by the U.S. Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in order to obtain an Ohio identification card or a driver license. A Non-renewable/Non-transferable identification card or driver license is issued with the same expiration date that appears on the appropriate document issued by the USCIS and will not exceed four (4) years.

I hope I've answered your question. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you
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