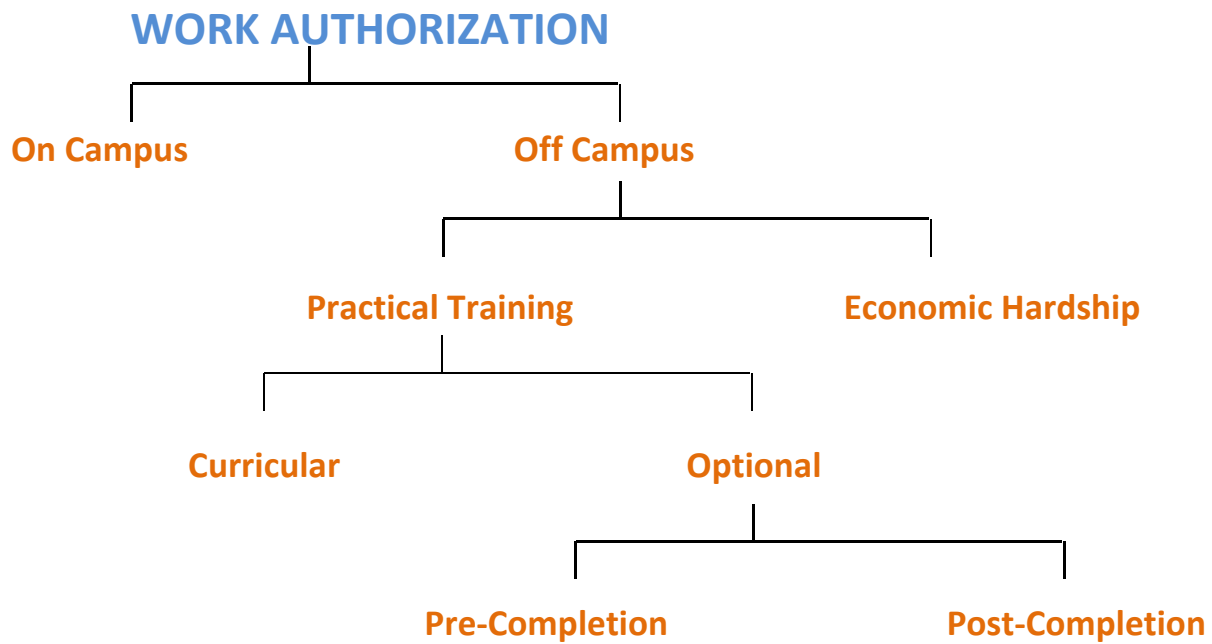


Employment Options for International Students in F-1 Student Status



Employment Option	Description	Eligibility	Limitations	Authorization
Employment on Campus	Employment on campus with the school itself or with an independent company serving the school's needs.	F-1 Status	Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods.	From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs
Employment as part of a scholarship	Employment as a part of a scholarship, fellowship or assistantship related to your field of study; can be off-campus, though payment must come from the school	F-1 Status	Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods.	From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs
Employment based on Economic Hardship	Employment after one year of study if there has been an unforeseen change in your financial position (such as large devaluation of your country's currency, loss of a scholarship, large tuition increase, etc.)	F-1 status for at least one academic year, good academic standing, continued full-time student status, unforeseen financial hardship, and/or inability to find on-campus employment	Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods; permission granted for one year at a time. See DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs	From Immigration and Naturalization Service
Curricular Practical Training (CPT)	Employment as a part of a student's education experience, offered by an employer through agreement with the school	F-1 status for at least one academic year (which can be waived for graduate students under certain circumstances) and/or continued student status	Limited internships, co-op education, alternate work/study programs, required practicums.	From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs
Optional Practical Training (OPT)	Employment for up to one year after graduation in a job related to your field of study; OPT may start before graduation under specific circumstances	F-1 status for at least nine months; need not have an offer of employment	Not eligible if you have already worked for at least one year of full-time CPT; OPT can only be for full-time jobs	Recommendation from DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs, mailed to INS for approval