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## USCIS Automatically Extends EADs (Employment Authorization Documents) for Qualified Liberian Nationals

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<u>U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced</u> that certain Liberian nationals who hold Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with an expiration date of September 30, 2014, pursuant to the Deferred Enforced Departure (DED), will receive an automatic extension of work authorization through to March 30, 2015. For I-9 purposes, employers should except EADs for affected Liberians that are expired on their face, but have been automatically extended by this announcement. During this six-month period when eligible Liberian nationals' EADs are automatically extended, affected individuals must apply for a renewal of their EADs by filing Form I-765 with USCIS. Once the automatic extension of affected EADs expires, employers must reverify an employee's employment authorization in Section 3 of the I-9. The employee may choose to present his or her new EAD, or any document from List A or C of Form I-9 that shows he or she continues to be authorized to work in the United States.

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