DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS–2016–0061]

Meeting of the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council will meet on October 19, 2016 in Washington, DC. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, October 19, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please note that the meeting may close early if the Council has completed its business.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center (Wilson Center) for Scholars, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., 6th Floor, Moynihan Board Room, Washington, DC 20004. All visitors to the Wilson Center must bring a Government-issued photo ID.

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, send an email to AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov or contact Lindsay Burton at 202–447–4686 as soon as possible.

To facilitate public participation, we are inviting public comment on the issues to be considered by the Council prior to the adoption of the recommendations as listed in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section below. Comments must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2016, must include DHS–2016–0061 as the identification number, and may be submitted using one of the following methods:

- Email: AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 202–282–1044.
- Mail: Academic Engagement; Office of Academic Engagement/Mailstop 0440; Department of Homeland Security; 245 Murray Lane SW., Washington, DC 20528–0440.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words “Department of Homeland Security” and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket, to read background documents or comments received by the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for “Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council” then select the notice dated September 30, 2016.

One thirty-minute public comment period will be held during the meeting on October 19, 2016 after the conclusion of the presentation of draft recommendations, but before the Council deliberates. Speakers will be requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Contact the Office of Academic Engagement as indicated below to register as a speaker.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. appendix. The Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary and senior leadership on matters relating to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness; faculty exchanges; and cybersecurity.

AGENDA: Department of Homeland Security senior leadership will provide an update on the Department’s efforts in implementing the Council’s approved recommendations as well as its recent initiatives with the academic community. The Council subcommittees may provide progress reports and present draft recommendations for action in response to the tasks issued by the Department.

The meeting materials will be posted to the Council Web site at: http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-academic-advisory-council-hsaac or on or before October 14, 2016.


Dated: September 8, 2016.

Trent Frazier,
Executive Director for Academic Engagement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services


RIN 1615–ZB60


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 28, 2016, President Obama issued a memorandum to the Secretary of Homeland Security...
Secretary), Jeh Charles Johnson, directing him to extend for an additional 18 months the deferred enforced departure (DED) of certain Liberians and to provide for work authorization during that period. The DED extension runs from October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018. This Notice provides instructions for eligible Liberians on how to apply for the full 18-month extension of employment authorization. Finally, this Notice provides instructions for DED-eligible Liberians on how to apply for permission to travel outside the United States during the 18-month DED period.

USCIS will issue new employment authorization documents (EADs) with a March 31, 2018 expiration date to Liberians whose DED has been extended under the Presidential Memorandum of September 28, 2016, and who apply for EADs under this extension. Given the timeframes involved with processing EAD applications, DHS recognizes that not all DED-eligible Liberians will receive new EADs before their current EADs expire on September 30, 2016. Accordingly, through this Notice, DHS also automatically extends the validity of DED-related EADs for 6 months, through March 31, 2017, and explains how Liberians covered under DED and their employers may determine which EADs are automatically extended and their impact on Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) and E-Verify processes.

DATES: The 18-month extension of DED is valid through March 31, 2018. The 6-month automatic extension of employment authorization for Liberians who are covered under DED, including the extension of their EADs as specified in this Notice, is effective on October 1, 2016, and expires on March 31, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
- You can contact Guillermo Roman-Riefkohl, TPS Program Manager at the Waivers and Temporary Services Branch, Service Center Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20529–2060; or by phone at 202–272–1533 (this is not a toll-free number).
- For further information on DED, including guidance on the application process and additional information on eligibility, please visit the USCIS DED Web page at http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/deferred-enforced-departure. You can find specific information about DED for Liberians by selecting “DED Granted Country: Liberia” from the menu on the left of the DED Web page.
- Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Presidential Memorandum Extending DED for Certain Liberians

Pursuant to his constitutional authority to conduct the foreign relations of the United States, President Obama has determined that there are compelling foreign policy reasons to again extend Deferred Enforced Departure (“DED”) to Liberian nationals who are currently residing in the United States under the existing grant of DED. The President accordingly directed that Liberian nationals (and eligible persons without nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia) who are physically present in the United States, have continuously resided in the United States since October 1, 2002; and who have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States; or who were deported, excluded, or removed prior to September 26, 2014; or who have reasonable grounds to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States; or who would be ineligible for TPS for the reasons provided in section 244(c)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1254a(c)(2)(B); or who have voluntarily returned to Liberia or his or her country of last habitual residence outside the United States; or who was subject to extradition.

What will I need to file if I am covered by DED and would like to have evidence of employment authorization?

If you are covered under DED for Liberia, and would like evidence of your employment authorization during the 18-month extension of DED, you must apply for an EAD by filing an Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765). USCIS will begin accepting these applications on
September 30, 2016. Although this Notice automatically extends DED-related EADs that have a printed validity date of September 30, 2016, for an additional 6 months through March 31, 2017, if you would like evidence of your continued employment authorization through March 31, 2018, you must file an Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765) as soon as possible to avoid gaps in work authorization. Please carefully follow the Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765) instructions when completing the application for an EAD. When filing the Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765), you must:

- Include a copy of your last Notice of Action (Form I–797) showing that you were approved for TPS as of September 30, 2007, if such copy is available. Please note that evidence of TPS as of September 30, 2007, is necessary to show that you were covered under the previous DED for Liberia through September 30, 2016; and
- Submit the fee for the Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765).

The regulations require individuals covered under DED who request an EAD to pay the fee prescribed in 8 CFR 103.7 for the Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765). See also 8 CFR 274a.12(a)(11) (employment authorization for DED-covered aliens); and 8 CFR 274a.13(a) (requirement to file EAD application if EAD desired). If you are unable to pay the fee, you may apply for an application fee waiver by completing a Request for Fee Waiver (Form I–912) or submitting a personal letter requesting a fee waiver, and providing satisfactory supporting documentation.

How will I know if USCIS will need to obtain biometrics?

If biometrics are required to produce the secure EAD, you will be notified by USCIS and scheduled for an appointment at a USCIS Application Support Center.

Where do I submit my completed Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765)?

Mail your completed Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765) and supporting documentation to the proper address in Table 1.

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**Table 1—Mailing Addresses**

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Can I file my Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765) electronically?

No. Electronic filing is not available when filing Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765) based on DED.

**Extension of Employment Authorization and EADs**

May I request an interim EAD at my local USCIS office?

No. USCIS will not issue interim EADs to individuals eligible for DED under the Presidential Memorandum at local offices.

Am I eligible to receive an automatic 6-month extension of my current EAD through March 31, 2017?

You are eligible for an automatic 6-month extension of your EAD if you are a national of Liberia (or person having no nationality who last habitually resided in Liberia), you are currently covered by DED through September 30, 2016, and you are within the class of persons approved for DED by the President.

This automatic extension covers EADs issued on the Employment Authorization Document (Form I–766) bearing an expiration date of September 30, 2016. These EADs must also bear the notation “A–11” on the face of the card under “Category.”

When hired, what documentation may I show to my employer as proof of employment authorization and identity when completing Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9)?

You can find a list of acceptable document choices on the “Lists of Acceptable Documents” for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9). You can find additional detailed information on the USCIS I–9 Central Web page at http://www.uscis.gov/I-9Central. Employers are required to verify the identity and employment authorization of all new employees by using Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9). Within 3 days of hire, an employee must present proof of identity and employment authorization to his or her employer.

You may present any document from List A (reflecting both your identity and employment authorization), or one document from List B (reflecting identity) together with one document from List C (reflecting employment authorization). You may present an acceptable receipt for List A, List B, or List C documents as described in the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) Instructions. An EAD is an acceptable document under “List A.”

Employers may not reject a document based on a future expiration date.

If your EAD has an expiration date of September 30, 2016, and states “A–11” under “Category,” it has been extended automatically for 6 months by virtue of this Federal Register Notice, and you may choose to present your EAD to your employer as proof of identity and employment authorization for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) through March 31, 2017 (see the subsection titled “How do my employer and I complete the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) using an automatically extended EAD for a new job?” for further information). To minimize confusion over this extension at the time of hire, you may also show your employer a copy of this Federal Register Notice confirming the automatic extension of employment authorization through March 31, 2017. As an alternative to presenting your automatically extended EAD, you may choose to present any other acceptable document from List A, a combination of one selection from List B and one selection from List C, or a valid receipt.
What documentation may I show my employer if I am already employed but my current DED-related EAD is set to expire?

Even though EADs with an expiration date of September 30, 2016 that state “A–11” under “Category” have been automatically extended for 6 months by virtue of this Federal Register Notice, your employer will need to ask you about your continued employment authorization by September 30, 2016 to meet its responsibilities for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) compliance. You should explain to your employer that USCIS has automatically extended your EAD through March 31, 2017. Your employer may need to reinspect your automatically extended EAD to check the expiration date and code and to record the updated expiration date on your Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) if he or she did not keep a copy of this EAD when you initially presented it. However, your employer does not need a new document to reverify your employment authorization until March 31, 2017, the expiration date of the automatic extension. Instead, you and your employer must make corrections to the employment authorization expiration dates in Section 1 and Section 2 of Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) (see the subsection titled “What corrections should my current employer and I make to Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) if my EAD has been automatically extended?” for further information). In addition, you may also show this Federal Register Notice to your employer to explain what to do for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9).

By March 31, 2017, the expiration date of the automatic extension, your employer must reverify your employment authorization. At that time, you must present any document from List A or any document from List C on Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) to reverify employment authorization, or an acceptable List A or List C receipt described in the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) Instructions. Your employer should complete either Section 3 of the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) originally completed for the employee or, if this Section has already been completed or if the version of Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) has expired (check the date in the upper right-hand corner of the form), complete Section 3 of a new Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) of the most current version. Note that employers may not specify which List A or List C document employees must present, and cannot reject an acceptable receipt.

Can my employer require that I produce any other documentation to prove my status, such as proof of my Liberian citizenship?

No. When completing Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9), including re-verifying employment authorization, employers must accept any documentation that appears on the “Lists of Acceptable Documents” for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) that reasonably appears to be genuine and that relates to you, or an acceptable List A, List B, or List C receipt. Employers may not request documentation that does not appear on the Lists of Acceptable Documents for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9). Therefore, employers may not request proof of Liberian citizenship when completing Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) for new hires, making corrections, or re-verifying the employment authorization of current employees. If presented with EADs that have been automatically extended, employers should accept such EADs as valid List A documents so long as the EADs reasonably appear to be genuine and to relate to the employee. Refer to the Note to Employees section of this Notice for important information about your rights if your employer rejects lawful documentation, requires additional documentation, or otherwise discriminates against you based on your citizenship or immigration status, or your national origin.

What happens after March 31, 2017, for purposes of employment authorization?

After March 31, 2017, employers may no longer accept the EADs that were issued under the previous DED extension of Liberia that this Federal Register Notice automatically extended. Before that time, however, USCIS will endeavor to issue new EADs to eligible individuals covered by DED who request them. These new EADs will have an expiration date of March 31, 2018, and can be presented to your employer for completion of Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9). Alternatively, you may choose to present any other legally acceptable document or combination of documents listed on the Lists of Acceptable Documents for Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9).

How do my employer and I complete Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) using an automatically extended EAD for a new job?

When using an automatically extended EAD to fill out Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) for a new job prior to March 31, 2017, you and your employer should do the following:

1. For Section 1, you should:
   a. Check “An alien authorized to work’’
   b. Write your alien number (USCIS number or A-number) in the first space (your EAD or other document from DHS will have your USCIS number or A-number printed on it; the USCIS Number is the same as your A-number without the A prefix); and
   c. Write the automatically extended EAD expiration date (March 31, 2017) in the second space.

2. For Section 2, employers should record the:
   a. Document title;
   b. Document number; and
   c. Automatically extended EAD expiration date (March 31, 2017).

By March 31, 2017, employers must reverify the employee’s employment authorization in Section 3 of Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9).

What corrections should my current employer and I make to Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) if my EAD has been automatically extended?

If you are an existing employee who presented a DED-related EAD that was valid when you first started your job, but that EAD has now been automatically extended, your employer may need to reinspect your automatically extended EAD if your employer does not have a copy of the EAD on file, and you and your employer should correct your previously completed Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9) as follows:

1. For Section 1, you should:
   a. Draw a line through the expiration date in the second space;
   b. Write “March 31, 2017” above the previous date;
   c. Write “DED Ext.” in the margin of Section 1; and
   d. Initial and date the correction in the margin of Section 1.

2. For Section 2, employers should:
   a. Draw a line through the expiration date written in Section 2;
   b. Write “March 31, 2017” above the previous date;
   c. Write “DED Ext.” in the margin of Section 2; and
   d. Initial and date the correction in the margin of Section 2.
By March 31, 2017, when the automatic extension of EADs expires, employers must reverify the employee’s employment authorization in Section 3.

If I am an employer enrolled in E-Verify, what do I do when I receive a “Work Authorization Documents Expiring” alert for an automatically extended EAD?

E-Verify has automated the verification process for employees whose DED was automatically extended in a Federal Register notice. If you have an employee covered under DED who provided a DED-related EAD when he or she first started working for you, you may receive a “Work Authorization Documents Expiring” case alert when the auto-extension period for this EAD is about to expire. By March 31, 2017, you must reverify employment authorization in Section 3 of the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I–9). Employers should not use E-Verify for reverification.

Note to All Employers

Employers are reminded that the laws requiring proper employment eligibility verification and prohibiting unfair immigration-related employment practices remain in full force. This Notice does not supersede or in any way limit applicable employment verification rules and policy guidance, including those rules setting forth reverification requirements. For general questions about the employment eligibility verification process, employers may call USCIS at 1–866–673–7869 (TTY 777–877–6028) or email USCIS at I–9Central@dhs.gov. Calls and emails are accepted in English and many other languages. For questions about avoiding discrimination during the employment eligibility verification process (I–9 and E-Verify), employers may also call the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) Employer Hotline, at 800–237–2515, which offers language interpretation in numerous languages, or email OSC at osccrt@usdoj.gov.

Note to Employees

For general questions about the employment eligibility verification process, employees may call USCIS at 1–888–897–7781 (TTY 877–875–6028) or email at I–9Central@dhs.gov. Calls are accepted in English, Spanish and many other languages. Employees or applicants may also call the OSC Worker Information Hotline at 800–237–2515 for information regarding employment.
Individuals covered under DED who would like to travel outside of the United States must apply for and receive advance parole by filing an Application for Travel Document (Form I–131) with required fee before departing from the United States. See 8 CFR 223.2(a). DHS has the discretion to determine whether to grant advance parole and cannot guarantee advance parole in all cases. In addition, possession of an advance parole document does not guarantee that you will be permitted to re-enter the United States, as that is a decision that will be made by an immigration officer at the port of entry upon your return. If you seek advance parole to travel to Liberia or to your country of last habitual residence outside the United States, you will risk being found ineligible to re-enter the United States under DED because the Presidential Memorandum excludes persons “who have voluntarily returned to Liberia or his or her country of last habitual residence outside the United States.”

You may submit your completed Application for Travel Document (Form I–131) with your Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765). If you are filing the Application for Travel Document (Form I–131) concurrently with your Application for Employment Authorization (Form I–765), please submit both applications and supporting documentation to the proper address in Table 1.

If you choose to file an Application for Travel Document (Form I–131) separately, please submit the application along with supporting documentation that you qualify for DED to the proper address in Table 2.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services**

[OMB Control Number 1615–0009]

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker, Form I–129; Extension, Without Change, of a Currently Approved Collection**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** 30-Day notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection notice was previously published in the Federal Register on July 19, 2016, at 81 FR 46951, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. USCIS did receive 16 comments in connection with the 60-day notice.

**DATES:** The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until October 31, 2016. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, must be directed to the OMB USCIS Desk Officer via email at oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Comments may also be submitted via fax at (202) 395–5806. (This is not a toll-free number.) All submissions received must include the agency name and the OMB Control Number 1615–0009.

You may wish to consider limiting the amount of personal information that you provide in any voluntary submission you make. For additional information please read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of http://www.regulations.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Regulatory Coordination Division, Samantha Deshommes, Chief, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529–2140, Telephone number (202) 272–8377 (This is not a toll-free number; comments are not accepted via telephone message.). Please note contact information provided here is solely for questions regarding this notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries. Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at http://www.uscis.gov, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375–5283; TTY (800) 767–1833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments**

You may access the information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information by visiting the Federal eRulemaking Portal site at: http://www.regulations.gov and enter USCIS–2005–0030 in the search box. Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following four points:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.