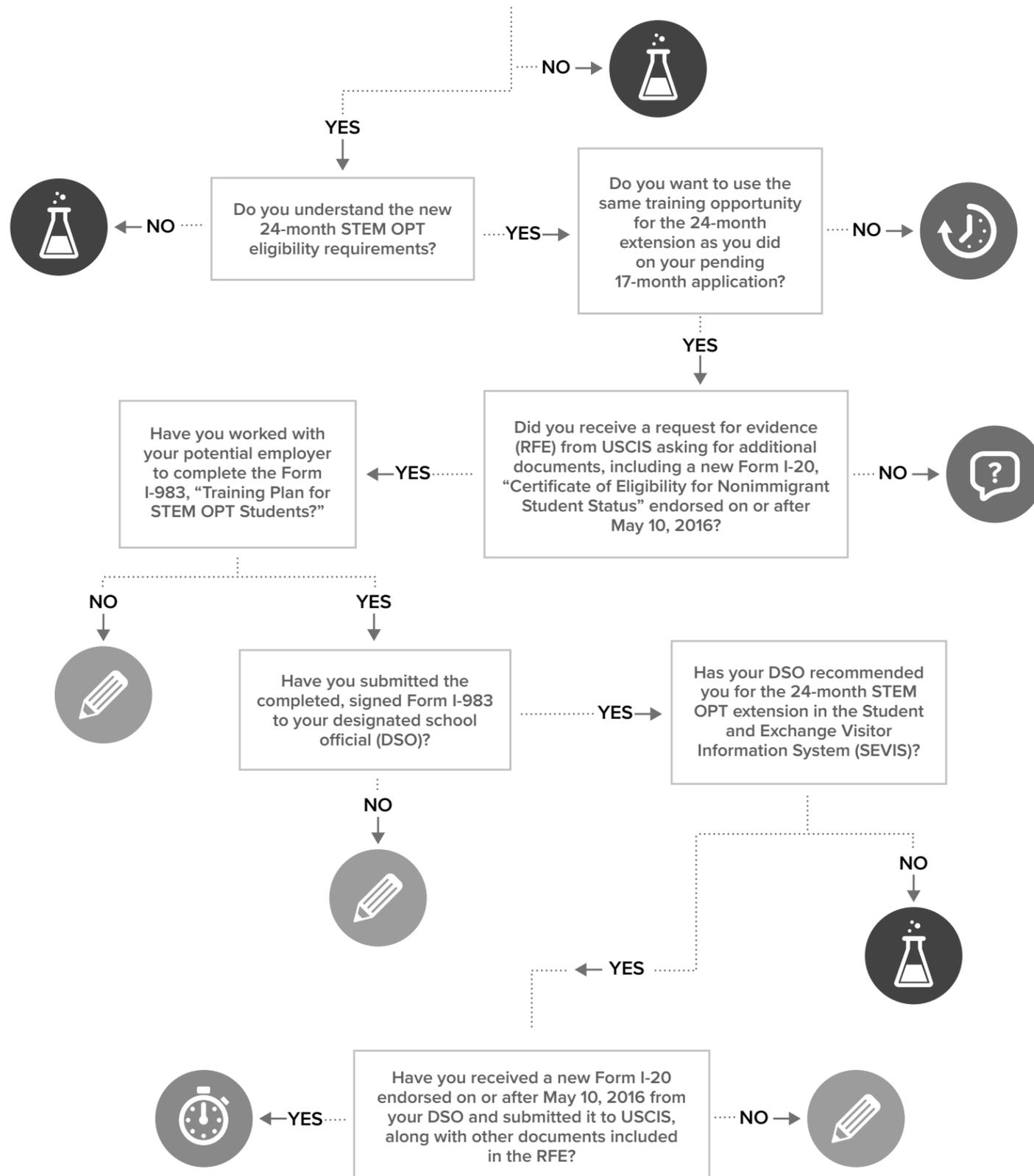


STUDENTS WITH 17-MONTH STEM OPT APPLICATIONS PENDING

On May 10, 2016 the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 24-month optional practical training (OPT) extension for students with U.S. science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) degrees effectively replaced the 17-month STEM OPT extension.

If you have a Form I-765, "Application for Employment Authorization," for the 17-month STEM OPT extension pending with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), take this quiz to determine if you qualify for the 24-month extension and what next steps you should take.

Are you currently in a valid period of post-completion OPT?



CONFIRM THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 24-MONTH STEM OPT EXTENSION

Visit the [Study in the States STEM OPT Hub](#) for a list of eligibility requirements for students. Speak with your DSO if you have questions about your eligibility. Your DSO must first recommend you in SEVIS and ensure you meet all the eligibility requirements.



CHECK USCIS' WEBSITE AND SPEAK WITH YOUR DSO BEFORE WITHDRAWING YOUR APPLICATION TO CONFIRM THAT YOU MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS TO WITHDRAW YOUR 17-MONTH APPLICATION

You must confirm that you are [eligible](#) to withdraw your application for the 17-month STEM OPT extension and file a new application for the 24-month extension using a new training opportunity. Visit the [USCIS website](#) and speak with your DSO before withdrawing your application. Please note that deadlines and additional fees do apply.



CHECK WITH USCIS

USCIS processes the STEM OPT extension application and is best suited to answer your questions about the adjudication process.



CHECK USCIS' PROCESSING TIMES

If you submitted all required documents but do not know your application status, visit [USCIS' website](#) for more information.



SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

You are missing required documentation. Visit the [Study in the States STEM OPT Hub](#) for more information about what you need to submit.