



Deferred Enforced Departure for Certain Hong Kong Residents

The Department of Homeland Security today published a [Federal Register notice \(FRN\)](#) establishing procedures for eligible Hong Kong residents covered by Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) to apply for employment authorization through Feb. 5, 2023.

Background

DED is an administrative stay of removal ordered by the president under his constitutional powers to conduct foreign relations. On Aug. 5, President Biden issued a [memorandum](#) directing the secretaries of state and homeland security to take appropriate measures to defer the removal for 18 months of certain Hong Kong residents who are present in the United States and who have continuously resided here since Aug. 5, 2021. This DED is for 18 months, through Feb. 5, 2023.

The FRN provides information about DED for certain eligible Hong Kong residents. Eligible Hong Kong residents may apply for an Employment Authorization Document by submitting a completed [Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization](#). Travel authorization is a discretionary benefit of DED for eligible Hong Kong residents. Individuals must file [Form I-131, Application for Travel Document](#), for advance parole if they wish to travel.

More Information

We are planning outreach opportunities regarding DED for Hong Kong residents to provide information and answer questions from the public.

For the most current information related to Deferred Enforced Departure, visit our [DED webpage](#).

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