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## RESOURCES: DACA

Provided for “Understanding DACA: Past, Present and Future” with Cesar Vargas on February 21, 2018

FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT (and overview below from):

[www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/legal-services/deferred-action.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/legal-services/deferred-action.page)

### *What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?*

- DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, is a federal immigration program begun in 2012 under President Obama that helps undocumented immigrants who came to the United States as young people. DACA provides eligible undocumented immigrants with temporary protection from deportation and access to work authorization.
- On September 5, 2017, the White House announced the end of the DACA program stating that new DACA applications that were accepted as of September 5, 2017 would be adjudicated, as well as renewal applications for people whose DACA will expire before March 5, 2018. This decision was challenged in federal courts.

### *Recent Decision: Federal Court Orders Government to Accept DACA Renewals*

- On January 9, 2018, a federal district court ordered the federal government to put a process in place to resume receiving DACA renewal applications. Although there are likely to be further legal challenges and developments, USCIS is now accepting renewal applications for DACA.

PLEASE FIND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IN PAGES TO FOLLOW:

- DACA-2 Free Legal Services from Cesar Vargas for 2-21-18
- DACA-3 Factsheet-Renewal-Jan-2018-English
- DACA-4 Factsheet-Renewal-Jan-2018-Spanish
- DACA-5 Announcement-FAQ-01-15-2017
- DACA-6 The DACA Injunction
- DACA-7 Unlocal Organization - free legal assistance
- DACA-8 CUNY - free help

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## **DACA RENEWALS: FREE LEGAL SUPPPORT — From Cesar Vargas for Wurzweiler Care Cafe 2-21-18**

NYC DREAMERS FUND - DACA Application Loan from the New Economic Project

Online Application: <https://neweconomynyc.ourpowerbase.net/dreamerfund>

If you are a NYC resident who is renewing your DACA, you can apply here for:

- **A grant to cover your \$495 DACA renewal fee — if you meet income guidelines, or face other financial hardship.** ([Click here](#) to see income guidelines.) Please note: You will receive a check for \$495 payable to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which you will include in your DACA renewal application. You do not need to repay this grant.
- **A 0% interest loan to cover your \$495 DACA renewal fee — regardless of your income.** Please note: You will receive a check for \$495 payable to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which you will include in your DACA renewal application. You will need to repay this loan in monthly installments of \$41.25.

Please apply to the fund after you have received assistance from a nonprofit organization and your DACA renewal application is complete. Grants and loans are available within two days.

Nonprofit organizations can also use this form to refer NYC DACA recipients to our fund.

Information below is from the New Economic Project:

<https://www.neweconomynyc.org/daca-screening-and-referral-organizations/>

The organizations below provide free screening and assistance to DREAMers on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), as well as referrals to New Economy Project's NYC DREAMer Loan Fund. Please contact the organizations directly for more information.

To add your organization to this list, contact New Economy Project.

### **Free legal services for DACA renewals**

#### **Lawyers from Legal Aid Society:**

To request Free lawyers contact the organization by email or phone call: [dream@legal-aid.org](mailto:dream@legal-aid.org) , 844-955-3425

#### **NYLAG**

For more information or to consult with an attorney, please call NYLAG at (212) 613-6597 or email [DREAMers@nylag.org](mailto:DREAMers@nylag.org).

#### **Immigration Lawyers at the Mexican Consulate:**

You can also reach out to the Mexican Consulate to have access to free immigration lawyers at 212-217-6429 (Consulado) o al 212-625-2055 (Call Center CUNY Citizenship NOW!),

### **Bronx**

BronxWorks Immigration Program

Free DACA Legal Assistance

1130 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York, 10456

Contact: Darlene Reyes

Email: [dreyes@bronxworks.org](mailto:dreyes@bronxworks.org)

Telephone: 1-800-354-0365

Languages: English, Spanish, French

Office Hours: By appointment only – Mon/Tues/Thrs 9-5PM, Wednesdays 11-7PM

\*Please call or email to make an appointment\*

## **CUNY Citizenship Now!**

Locations in all five boroughs

Telephone: 646-664-9400

BIA Accredited with attorneys on staff. All immigration legal services are FREE, please call to make an appointment at a location nearest you.

[www1.cuny.edu/sites/citizenship-now/about/contact](http://www1.cuny.edu/sites/citizenship-now/about/contact)

Languages: Multiple; see website for languages by location

Appointment needed

## **Mercy Center**

332 E. 149 Street, 8th Floor, Bronx, NY 10451

Hours: By appointment.

To make an appointment, contact Bridget at 347-862-2474 or [bmeehan@mercycenterbronx.org](mailto:bmeehan@mercycenterbronx.org)

Languages: English, Spanish

DACA Legal Assistance

New York Immigration Coalition\*

Free legal clinics throughout NYC; DACA information and referrals

[www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register](http://www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register)

Contact: Adriana Lovera, 212-627-2227, ext 236, or [alovera@nyic.org](mailto:alovera@nyic.org).

Languages: Spanish and English

## **Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice\***

1384 Stratford Avenue, Bronx, New York 10472

Phone: 718-328-5622

Contact: Henry Lajara, [hlajara@ympj.org](mailto:hlajara@ympj.org)

Free immigration assistance, consultations, application filings, referrals, advocacy.

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5 pm. By appointment only.

Languages: English, Spanish

BIA accredited representatives

## **Brooklyn**

### **Arab American Association of New York\***

7111 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209

Phone: 718-745-3523

[DACA@ArabAmericanNY.org](mailto:DACA@ArabAmericanNY.org)

DACA Legal Assistance Times: Every Wednesdays 2pm – 6pm

Languages: Arabic, Urdu, Spanish

### **Atlas: DIY Developing Immigrant Youth**

A cooperative empowerment center for immigrant youth and their allies ages 14-24.

Confidential location in Sunset Park, Brooklyn email or call for address

Website: [Atlasdiy.org](http://Atlasdiy.org)

Phone: 347-599-1641

Contact: Maria Caba, [maria.caba@atlasdiy.org](mailto:maria.caba@atlasdiy.org)

Hours: Sunday- Thursday 12-6, extended hours on Sunday and Thursday nights until 7.

Walk in legal clinic, first come first serve in immigration and family law: Tuesdays from 11-2pm.

Languages: Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, English and 8 other languages, call ahead to make an appt.

### **Brooklyn Defender Services**

177 Livingston Street, 7th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Contact: Lindsey Buller

Tel: 718-254-0700, ext. 309

Email: [DACA@bds.org](mailto:DACA@bds.org)

Free legal clinics in Brooklyn, by appointment only

Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and others

**CAMBA**

DACA legal assistance.

2211 Church Avenue, 3rd Floor Room 301

Brooklyn, NY 11226

Tel: 718-940-6311

Free legal clinics are held on Tuesdays, by appointment only

Languages: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole and others

**Catholic Migration Services**

DACA Legal Assistance

1258 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219

For appointments, call: 718-236-3000

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Haitian Creole, Albanian, Greek, Italian, Arabic

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Languages: Multiple; see website for languages by location

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**New York Immigration Coalition\***

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Contact: Adriana Lovera, 212-627-2227, ext 239, or [alovera@nyic.org](mailto:alovera@nyic.org).

Languages: Spanish and English

**VAMOS Unidos- Street Vendors Mobilizing and Organizing in Solidarity!**

2431 Morris Ave Bronx, NY 10468

Telephone: 718-312-8634

Languages: Spanish/English

Contact: Clementina Garcia, Community Organizer

Email: [vamosunidoscleme@gmail.com](mailto:vamosunidoscleme@gmail.com)

Free legal clinics in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens.

Please call to make appointments by phone: 718-312-8634

**Manhattan****African Services Committee\***

429 West 127th Street, New York, NY 10027

DACA Legal Assistance

Contact: DACA applicants can contact Jessica Greenberg at 212-222-3882 x.134 or email

[immigration@africanservices.org](mailto:immigration@africanservices.org) to set up an appointment to assess DACA eligibility/fill out the application

**Cabrini Immigrant Services\***

Free DACA eligibility screening and application assistance.

139 Henry Street (between Rutgers and Pike Streets), New York, NY

Closest subway: F train to East Broadway

Time: Wednesdays 10am – 5pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Contact: Brenda Barsallo, 212-791-4590 ext 100 or [info@cis-nyc.org](mailto:info@cis-nyc.org)

Languages: English and Spanish

**Chinese Progressive Association\***

230 Grand Street, Room 504, New York, NY 10013

DACA Legal Assistance Times: Call for appointment

Please contact us at 212-274-1891 or [irp@cpanyc.org](mailto:irp@cpanyc.org) for appointment and information about what to bring to appointment

Language(s): Chinese and English

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**New York Immigration Coalition\***

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Contact: Adriana Lovera, 212-627-2227, ext 239, or [alovera@nyic.org](mailto:alovera@nyic.org).

Languages: Spanish and English

**New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG)**

7 Hanover Square, 18th Floor New York, NY 10004

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

DREAMer/DACA Hotline: (212) 613-6597

DREAMer/DACA email: [DREAMers@nylag.org](mailto:DREAMers@nylag.org)

Languages: English, Spanish, Russian and others

FREE Legal Assistance

**Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights**

5030 Broadway, Suite 650, New York, NY 10034 (corner of 214th Street)

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm. No appointment needed.

Phone: 212-781-0355

Languages: English, Spanish

BIA accredited representatives

**UnLocal, Inc.**

30 Broad Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10004

Contact: Tania Mattos

Email: [rania@unlocal.org](mailto:rania@unlocal.org) Tel: 646-216-8210

Languages: English, Spanish, Hindi, Punjabi

Provide DACA and Advance Parole Legal Assistance

By Appointment Only

**Volunteers of Legal Service – A Dream Not Deferred Project**

Note: Capacity is limited and VOLS is only able to provide legal services to students who attend high school at this time.

40 Worth Street, Suite 820, New York, NY 10013

Contact: Elizabeta Markuci, Director, Immigration Project

Tel: 347-521-5722 / Fax: 347-521-5707 / Email: [emarkuci@volsprobono.org](mailto:emarkuci@volsprobono.org)

## **Queens**

### **Catholic Migration Services**

DACA Legal Assistance

47-01 Queens Boulevard Suite 201, Sunnyside, NY 11104

For appointments, call: 347 472 3500

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Hatian Creole, Albanian, Greek, Italian, Arabic

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Languages: Multiple; see website for languages by location

Appointment needed

### **DRUM-Desis Rising Up & Moving**

72-18 Roosevelt Avenue, 2nd Floor

Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Contact: Rishi Singh, Youth Organizer

Tel: 718-205-3036

Email: [rishi@drumnyc.org](mailto:rishi@drumnyc.org)

Website: [www.drumnyc.org](http://www.drumnyc.org)

Free Legal Clinics in Queens, Bronx and Brooklyn.

Make appointments by phone and walk-ins are welcome.

Languages: Bangla, hindi, Punjabi, Urdu

### **Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House**

10-25 41st Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

Hours: Mondays-Fridays 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Appointment needed.

To make an appointment, contact Johan Lopez at 718-784-7447 ext. 129 or [jlopez@riissettlement.org](mailto:jlopez@riissettlement.org)

Languages: English, Spanish

### **Make the Road NY**

92-10 Roosevelt Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Contact: Yenny Quispe, DACA Legal Advocate

Tel: 347-876-5618 or 718-565-8500, ext. 4456

Email: [yenny.quispe@maketheroadny.org](mailto:yenny.quispe@maketheroadny.org)

Contact for DACA screening or attend DACA information sessions on Wednesdays, 3:30 pm

Languages: English and Spanish

### **Minkwon Center for Community Action\***

136-19 41st Ave., #3FL, Flushing, NY 11355

Phone: Stephanie Park at 718-460-5600, extension 508 or [stephanie.park@minkwon.org](mailto:stephanie.park@minkwon.org)

Languages available: Korean, English

Hours of operation: 10am-6pm, Monday to Friday. By appointment only.

### **New York Immigration Coalition\***

Free legal clinics throughout NYC; DACA information and referrals

[www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register](http://www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register)

Contact: Adriana Lovera, 212-627-2227, ext 239, or [alovera@nyic.org](mailto:alovera@nyic.org).

Languages: Spanish and English

**Queens Community House**

74-09 37th Ave., Suite 400, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Appointment needed.

Contact: Carmen Gutierrez, 347-965-1213 / [cgutierrez@qchnyc.org](mailto:cgutierrez@qchnyc.org)

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Telephone: 718-312-8634

Languages: Spanish/English

Contact: Clementina Garcia, Community Organizer

Email: [vamosunidoscleme@gmail.com](mailto:vamosunidoscleme@gmail.com)

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Languages: Multiple; see website for languages by location

Appointment needed

**EyeOpeners DREAMERS Project/El Centro del Inmigrante\***

1546 Castleton Ave, Staten Island, NY 10302

To obtain help in completing DACA application or to have a DACA presentation at your school, house of worship or organization, please contact Irma Cruz 718-619-6433. To connect with free legal services for review of your DACA application, contact Reina Ubaldegaray, Single Stop Director at 347-538-0935.

**New York Immigration Coalition\***

Free legal clinics throughout NYC; DACA information and referrals

[www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register](http://www.thenyic.org/deferredaction/register)

Contact: Adriana Lovera, 212-627-2227, ext 239, or [alovera@nyic.org](mailto:alovera@nyic.org).

Languages: Spanish and English

**Staten Island Dream Coalition**

120 Anderson Avenue, 2nd Floor, Staten Island New York, 10302

Phone: 330-817-3222

Services: Free help with the preparation of DACA, DACA renewal, DAPA preparation, advance parole.

Languages: Spanish, Urdu, English

Hours: Monday – Wednesday and Friday: 9am – 5pm, Thursday: 10am – 6pm

Late weekday & weekend appointments available by appointment

B.I.A. Accredited (as of November 1st) & Deferred Action experts

\* indicates organizations that are part of the DREAMer Protection Collaborative, coordinated by the New York Immigration Coalition.



# DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA) RENEWAL – JAN. 2018

**Disclaimer:** This advisory has been created by The Legal Aid Society, Immigration Law Unit. It is not intended as legal advice and is not a substitute for the advice of an immigration expert. The following information may change at any time, either due to new federal court orders, new actions taken by the federal government, or otherwise. This advisory is current as of the date printed on the bottom of the page.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced on January 13, 2018, that it will comply with a federal court order and allow recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) to once again apply to renew their DACA and employment authorization documents (“work permit”) for another two years. You can apply to renew your DACA up to 180 days (6 months) before your work permit expires.

## **Who can renew?**

If your DACA expired on or after September 5, 2016 (one year before last year’s announcement rescinding DACA), or if it will be expiring in the next 180 days, you can file for renewal.

## **What if my DACA expired before September 5, 2016?**

If your status expired before September 5, 2016, or if it was terminated at any time, you can file a new initial application now.

## **What if I never had DACA before?**

Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to apply for DACA now, if you never had it before.

## **Can I apply for Advance Parole, to travel abroad?**

Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to apply for Advance Parole as a DACA registrant.

## **What documents will I need for renewal?**

- a copy of your prior application (if you have it)
- your current passport
- 2 passport pictures



- \$495 check or money order, payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”
- a copy of your employment authorization document (work permit)
- Certificates of disposition for any new arrests or other involvement with the Criminal Court or Juvenile Court, since your previous DACA application
- any new addresses, since your previous DACA application
- any new removal (deportation) orders, since your previous DACA application
- any advance parole documents, since your previous DACA application
- details about any travel without advance parole, since your previous DACA application

**What documents will I need for a new initial application, in addition to the documents listed above for renewals ,if my DACA expired before September 5, 2016 or my status was terminated at any time?**

- Passport, birth certificate, or other document showing that you were born on or after June 16, 1981
- Proof that you entered the U.S. before age 16
- Proof that you have continuously lived in the U.S. since at least June 15, 2007 to the present, including being physically present in the US since June 15, 2012
- Proof that you entered the U.S. without inspection before June 15, 2012, or that your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012
- If you were ever arrested, certificates of disposition showing that you have not been convicted of a felony, a “significant” misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors of any kind, and do not pose a threat to public safety or national security
- Proof that you are currently enrolled in school, graduated from high school or have a GED, or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces or Coast Guard

**For free assistance with a DACA application, please email us at [dream@legal-aid.org](mailto:dream@legal-aid.org) or call us at 844-955-3425.**



# LA ACCIÓN DIFERIDA PARA LLEGADOS A LA INFANCIA (DACA) – ENERO 2018

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El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de los EE.UU. anunció el 13 de enero de 2018 que cumplirá con una orden judicial federal y permitirá que los beneficiarios de Acción Diferida para Llegados a la Infancia (DACA) vuelvan a solicitar la renovación de su DACA y su permiso de trabajo” por otros dos años. Puede solicitar la renovación su DACA hasta 180 días (6 meses) antes de que venza su permiso de trabajo.

## **¿Quién puede renovar?**

Si su DACA venció el 5 de septiembre de 2016 o después (un año antes de que el anuncio del año pasado terminando el programa DACA), o si vencerá en los próximos 180 días, puede solicitar la renovación.

## **¿Qué pasa si mi DACA venció antes del 5 de septiembre de 2016?**

Si su estado venció antes del 5 de septiembre de 2016, o si fue cancelado en cualquier momento, puede presentar una nueva solicitud inicial ahora.

## **¿Qué pasa si nunca tuve DACA antes?**

Desafortunadamente, ya no es posible solicitar la DACA ahora, si nunca antes lo ha tenido.

## **¿Puedo solicitar Advance Parole (permiso de viajar) para viajar al extranjero?**

Desafortunadamente, ya no es posible solicitar el Advance Parole como solicitante de DACA.

## **¿Qué documentos necesitaré para la renovación?**

- una copia de su solicitud anterior (si la tiene)
- su pasaporte actual
- 2 fotos estilo pasaporte

- cheque o giro postal de \$495, a nombre del “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”
- una copia de su permiso de trabajo
- Certificados de disposición para cualquier nuevo arresto u otra participación con el Tribunal Penal o el Tribunal de Menores, desde su solicitud anterior de la DACA
- cualquier dirección nueva, desde su solicitud anterior de la DACA
- cualquier nueva orden de deportación (deportación), desde su solicitud anterior de la DACA
- cualquier documento anticipado de libertad condicional, desde su solicitud anterior de la DACA
- detalles sobre cualquier viaje sin libertad condicional anticipada, desde su solicitud anterior de la DACA

**¿Qué documentos necesitaré para una nueva solicitud inicial, además de los documentos enumerados anteriormente para las renovaciones, si mi DACA expiró antes del 5 de septiembre de 2016 o mi estado se venció en cualquier momento?**

- Pasaporte, certificado de nacimiento u otro documento que demuestre que nació el 16 de junio de 1981 o después de esa fecha.
- Prueba de que ingresó a los EE. UU. antes de los 16 años de edad
- Prueba de que ha vivido continuamente en los EE. UU. desde al menos el 15 de junio de 2007 hasta el presente, incluido su presencia física en los EE. UU. desde el 15 de junio de 2012.
- Prueba de que ingresó a los EE. UU. sin inspección antes del 15 de junio de 2012, o que su estado legal de inmigración expiró el 15 de junio de 2012.
- Si alguna vez lo arrestaron, certificados de disposición que demuestren que no ha sido condenado por un delito grave, un delito menor “significativo”, o tres o más delitos menores de ningún tipo, y que no representa una amenaza para la seguridad pública o la seguridad nacional
- Prueba de que actualmente está inscrito en la escuela, se graduó de la escuela secundaria o tiene un GED, o ha sido dado de baja honorablemente de las Fuerzas Armadas de los EE. UU. o de la Guardia Costera.

**Para asistencia gratuita con una solicitud de DACA, envíenos un correo electrónico a [dream@legal-aid.org](mailto:dream@legal-aid.org) o llámenos al 844-955-3425 lunes a viernes, desde 8:00am a 8:00pm.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# USCIS Accepts Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Renewal Applications

On January 9, 2018, Judge William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California *ordered a halt* to the federal government's termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program. In the case *Regents of the University of California, et al. v. Department of Homeland Security, et al.*, Alsup granted a [\*preliminary injunction\*](#) — a temporary order blocking the end of the DACA program while the case goes forward — requiring U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to begin accepting DACA renewal applications again. On January 13, 2018 USCIS announced their process for accepting renewal applications. USCIS additionally stated that further guidance would be provided later.

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United We Dream and the National Immigration Law Center created the following answers to frequently asked questions.

### ■ Can I submit a first-time application for DACA?

NO. If you have never had DACA before, you cannot submit an application. Only people who have had DACA at some point can submit a renewal application.

### ■ I have DACA, can I apply for Advance Parole?

NO. USCIS will not accept advance parole applications from DACA recipients.

### ■ Can I submit an application to renew DACA?

YES. If you were *granted* DACA, you may submit an application to renew your DACA.<sup>1</sup> You must also meet the following requirements in order to qualify for DACA renewal:

- You must *not* have departed the U.S. on or after August 15, 2012, without first having been granted *advance parole*.<sup>2</sup>
- You must have resided continuously in the U.S. from the time you submitted the initial request for DACA up until the present time.
- You must not have been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more misdemeanors, and must not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

### ■ Does it matter when my DACA expires/expired?

USCIS has reopened the application process for anyone whose DACA has expired. However, the process for applying is different if your DACA expired before September 5, 2016. If your DACA expired before September 5, 2016, you can request to renew your DACA but you must

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<sup>1</sup> Information from USCIS about requesting DACA for the first time and applying to renew DACA is available from [www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process](http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-process).

<sup>2</sup>

fill out an initial application. If you had DACA and your DACA issuance was cut short by DHS (meaning DHS terminated your DACA), you can obtain DACA again by filling out an initial DACA application.

When the announcement that DACA was being terminated was made, USCIS only allowed people with expiration dates between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 to apply but that rule does not apply here.

However, we do not know yet if USCIS will handle the processing of DACA cases with more than 150 days left before expiration. USCIS previously encouraged DACA recipients to complete their renewal application during the 120-150 day window before expiration to provide enough time for processing and to avoid a lapse in their DACA. We do not know at this time if they will prioritize cases with less than 150 days left before expiration.

■ **Do I need to live in California to be eligible?**

NO. The case is in California but the order and process for renewal applies nationwide.

■ **When should I apply to renew my DACA?**

You should assess whether it makes sense for you to apply as soon as possible. There is no deadline by when applications are due. However, the government has already made public that they plan on appealing the court decision. The renewal program may be available indefinitely or may be stopped by another court depending on how the case proceeds in the courts.

■ **What should I do to prepare for renewal?**

To prepare to apply for DACA renewal:

- It's crucial to weigh the pros and cons of applying at this time. You must consider the possibility that the order requiring USCIS to accept applications gets appealed before or even while your application is pending and you may risk losing the \$495 fee.
- It's important that the information in the renewal request be *consistent* with the information provided in the initial request. Therefore, we recommend that you make sure to have a *copy of your initial application* for DACA. You should also make a copy of your renewal application.
- You must have put aside \$495 to pay the renewal application fees [*but see footnote 6*].
- If you have received citations, been arrested, or been criminally charged or convicted since initially receiving DACA, you must gather evidence of these contacts with law enforcement or the courts. We highly recommend speaking to an attorney or BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals)-accredited representative prior to applying because given the change in who is considered an "enforcement priority," the risks associated with applying may be different if you have had interactions with law enforcement.
- If you have a deportation order, voluntary departure order, or an administratively closed immigration case we highly recommend speaking to an attorney or BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals)-accredited representative prior to applying. Given the change in who

is now considered an “enforcement priority,” the risks associated with applying may have changed.

- If you are currently in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings, you must submit any new documents related to your case, unless you already submitted them to USCIS when you first applied for DACA or unless your case was administratively closed. We recommend speaking to an attorney or BIA-accredited representative prior to applying to assess how applying for DACA will affect your case.

### ■ How do I apply to renew my DACA?

If your DACA expired before September 5, 2016, you can request to renew your DACA but you must fill out an initial application. If you had DACA and your DACA issuance was cut short by DHS (meaning DHS terminated your DACA), you can renew your DACA, but you have to fill out an initial DACA application. Information about the requirements and process for an initial application is available at [www.nilc.org/faqdeferredactionyouth/](http://www.nilc.org/faqdeferredactionyouth/). Be sure to include the date your DACA expired on Part 1 of the Form I-821D.

If your DACA expired on or after the September 5, 2016 you may submit a DACA renewal application. The renewal application requires filling out and submitting the same forms as before: **Form I-821D**, **Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization**, and **Form I-765WS Worksheet**. NOTE the forms have been updated and you want to use the *latest versions* to avoid any delays. In the bottom left corner of each page of the latest version of Form I-821D, the following is printed:

Form I-821D dated 01/09/17 Y

Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization 07/17/17 N

Form I-765 WS Worksheet 07/17/17 N

When you’re submitting a renewal application, you must fill out all sections of the forms and answer all the questions *except* those designated “For Initial Requests Only.” You must also submit any *new* documents relevant to your *removal proceedings* or *criminal history* that you have not submitted previously.

USCIS asks that no additional documents be sent, not even proof that you have resided continuously in the U.S. since you first received DACA. USCIS advises that you keep all documents that provide evidence that you meet all the guidelines. USCIS reserves the right to ask you for additional information, documents, and statements to verify information on your DACA renewal application. USCIS also reserves the right to contact government agencies and others to verify the information provided in the application.

- NOTE: If your DACA was granted initially by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and not USCIS, you must fill out *all* the sections and answer *all* the questions on the forms and submit *all supporting documentation* as if you were filing an initial request. The completed forms and supporting documentation must then be submitted to USCIS.

■ What are the fees for the DACA renewal application?

The renewal request costs \$495. In very limited circumstances, applicants [may be exempted](#) from having to pay the fees.<sup>3</sup>

■ Where should I send my DACA renewal application?

Regardless of whether your initial DACA was adjudicated by ICE or by USCIS, you must submit your application for renewal to USCIS. Where, specifically, you must send your application depends on where you live. Check USCIS's "[Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals](#)" for the correct mailing address.<sup>4</sup>

■ If I have been arrested or convicted of an offense, or have had other interactions with law enforcement since receiving DACA, what should I do?

**It is a risk to apply. Speak to an attorney or a BIA–accredited representative about your case.** Due to the enforcement priorities changing in January of 2017 and the renewal process being available only for a limited time, it is best to speak to an immigration expert before applying. Even if the incident happened before you applied and received DACA in the past and you revealed them in previous applications for DACA, the enforcement priorities have changed and you are at risk of being referred to ICE by applying.

■ Can someone with a deportation order, voluntary departure, or an administratively closed case apply for DACA renewal?

**It is a risk to apply. Speak to an attorney or a BIA–accredited representative about your case.** Due to the enforcement priorities changing in January of 2017, if you had any interaction with an immigration judge or immigration court, you want to speak to an immigration expert. Even if these events happened before you applied and received DACA in the past and you revealed them in previous applications for DACA, the enforcement priorities have changed and you are at risk of being referred to ICE by applying.

■ My last renewal application was rejected because I did not meet the October 5, 2017 deadline, can I still apply to renew?

YES. You can apply for renewal even if your last application was rejected specifically due to not meeting the October 5, 2017 deadline.

■ How long will it take USCIS to process my DACA renewal application?


We do not know. USCIS's goal for processing DACA renewal applications used to be 120 days.

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE AUTHORS: We want to emphasize the need for Congress to pass the Dream Act by January 19th. The decision to terminate DACA made by President

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<sup>3</sup>[www.uscis.gov/forms/forms-and-fees/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-fee-exemption-guide](http://www.uscis.gov/forms/forms-and-fees/consideration-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-fee-exemption-guide).

<sup>4</sup> [www.uscis.gov/i-821d-addresses](http://www.uscis.gov/i-821d-addresses).



Trump created panic and left millions of immigrant youth's lives in limbo. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' announcement to terminate DACA, followed by the Department of Homeland Security's guidance on who could apply for renewal and by when created confusion and widespread anxiety within the immigrant community. Although implementing the Judge's order and allowing people to apply for renewal will help bring some relief to immigrant youth, many are still worried that the option to apply for renewal may be taken away at anytime. This is no way to live. Immigrant youth deserve stability, peace of mind, and protections from detention and deportation, which only a permanent solution like the Dream Act can provide.



# TOP 5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE DACA INJUNCTION

*On January 9, 2018, a federal court in California blocked the Trump Administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This is a temporary decision, but it demonstrates what we have always known: immigrant youth need permanent relief from detention and deportation now. That solution is the Dream Act and it must be passed by January 19th.*

## **1) This Decision is a Triumph for our Freedom Fighters.**

The American courts and the American public agree: protecting immigrant youth is urgent. The momentum and support are on our side - on January 19th, we have another chance to ensure Congress passes a solution for millions of undocumented youth.

## **2) Decision is Only Temporary and not Final.**

The Trump Administration is expected to challenge the court's decision and appeal this decision soon.

## **3) The Judge Ordered the Trump Administration to Resume Accepting DACA Renewals ONLY.**

The CA judge has ordered the Administration to resume accepting DACA renewal applications from anyone previously covered by the program. However, our recommendation is for people not to submit a DACA renewal application until USCIS announces a process. This recommendation is subject to change as we learn more.

## **4) First-time DACA Applications will not be Accepted.**

This injunction does not require the Trump Administration to accept any new DACA applications at this time. If you do not have DACA and are eligible for the program, we do not recommend applying at this time.

## **5) A Permanent Solution is Still Urgent.**

Undocumented youth, their families, and our country still need a permanent solution. The Trump Administration eliminated DACA and it is responsible for addressing this crisis. We can't wait any longer. Regardless of the court's decision, Congress must pass the Dream Act by January 19th. Text DreamActNow to 877-877 right now to keep up the fight!



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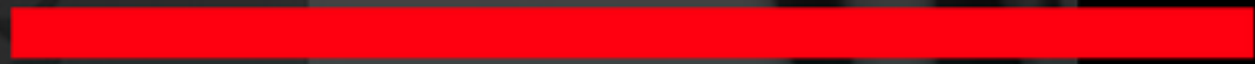
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As of January 13th, 2018 USCIS has resumed accepting renewal and some application requests for DACA.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Your previous DACA expired **on or after September 5th 2016** or is **expiring within the next 180 days**.
- Your previous DACA expired **before September 5th 2016**, or **terminated at any time**. You can file a new DACA application.

### NOT ELIGIBLE

- You are not eligible to apply for DACA at this time if you never had DACA.

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A partir del 13 de enero de 2018, USCIS reanudó la renovación de DACA, así como la aceptación de algunas solicitudes nuevas.

### ¿QUIÉN ES ELEGIBLE?

- Los beneficiarios de DACA con permiso de trabajo que **expiró en o después del 5 de septiembre de 2016** o que **expirará en los próximos 180 días**.
- Los beneficiarios de DACA cuyo permiso de trabajo haya expirado **antes del 5 de septiembre de 2016**, o haya **finalizado en cualquier otro momento**. Podrán enviar una nueva solicitud de DACA.

### NO ELIGIBLE

- Si usted nunca ha tenido DACA, no es elegible para solicitar dicho beneficio en este momento.

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