

## Next Steps for DACA

President Trump has initiated a wind down of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which allows certain minors to live and work in the U.S. and protects them temporarily from deportation.

### September 5, 2017 Updates

1. **No initial DACA applications** filed on or after September 5, 2017 will be processed or approved. If your application was accepted as of September 5, 2017, it will still be processed.
2. Any recipient with a permit that will expire between now and March 5, 2018 may re-apply for a two-year renewal, which needs to be accepted **by October 5, 2017**. Consult with a legal service provider ASAP if this is your situation.
3. Permits expiring on or after **March 6, 2018** will not be renewable.
4. Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) will remain valid through the date of expiration. If your valid EAD is lost, stolen or destroyed, you may request a replacement EAD by filing a new Form I-765.
5. As of September 5, 2017, no new advance parole documents will be issued to DACA recipients. All pending advance parole applications will be closed and application fees will be refunded.

It is important to **Know Your Rights** during this time.

1. **Work Permits:** You do not have to tell your employer that DACA has ended, nor do they have a right to know that you are a DACA recipient. You are allowed to work until the permit expires, and your employer cannot fire or change your work status until your permit expires. For more on employee rights: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/daca/daca-and-workplace-rights/>; **To report unfair employment practices, call the US Department of Justice at: 1-800-255-7688.**
2. **Social Security Numbers (SSN):** Your SSN will remain valid for life, even when your DACA status ends. You can use it for banking, education, or other purposes. If you do not have one yet, get one! Information on how to get one here: [https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/materials/deferred\\_action.pdf](https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/materials/deferred_action.pdf)
3. **Your Rights with ICE:** If you are stopped or questioned by ICE you have the right to remain silent. ICE cannot enter your home or workplace without a valid warrant signed by a judge or without permission. For more on your rights: <http://catholiccharitiesny.org/immigration-update-executive-orders>, <https://www.immdefense.org/raids/>

### Actions to take:

1. **Driver's Licenses/IDs:** This depends on which state you live. If you are able to get a license or state ID with DACA, do so immediately. Get alternate forms of ID as well, such as municipal ID cards, membership cards, etc., to use once your license/state ID expires. You may want to apply for a passport or consular ID as well, but do **NOT** show these IDs to ICE agents if you come in contact with them. If you are an NYC resident, get an IDNYC! Visit: [www.nyc.gov/idnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc)
2. **Get a legal screening:** Call the New Americans Hotline at **1-800-566-7636** for a referral to a trusted legal representative, in particular if you have ever been in removal proceedings. NYC residents, call 311 for an appointment with ActionNYC.
3. **Plan:** If you have children, consider planning for someone to take care of them if you get detained. Consider saving money and plan on how to make rent, car and other payments, should you lose your job. Organize and make copies of all your documents and keep them in a safe place. For additional resources on safety planning visit: <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/rights/gbv/resources/1022-detained-or-deported-parental-toolkit-english-interactive>
4. **Stay informed:** Make sure to follow trusted organizations to stay informed to avoid being scammed: [www.unitedwedream.org](http://www.unitedwedream.org), [www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org), [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org), <http://catholiccharitiesny.org>; <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>, <https://cliniclegal.org/immigration-policy/changes>, <https://www.nysylc.org/>

### Important notes:

1. **Travel:** If you are outside the country on advanced parole, **return ASAP!** If you were granted advanced parole, but have not traveled yet, talk to an immigration attorney before traveling outside of the country. **Note:** USCIS can terminate it at any time AND Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) will determine who can be admitted into the US.
2. **Criminal issues:** Avoid contact with law enforcement that could lead to arrest. Consult an immigration attorney before taking a plea to any charges. If previously arrested, obtain certificates of disposition.

**Please seek advice from a trusted legal representative (attorney or BIA accredited representative) before submitting any renewal applications.**