

DACA Update

On September 5, 2017, President Trump 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. **Current DACA recipients generally will not be impacted until after March 5, 2018, six months from now.**



What this means

- Initial DACA applications will not be accepted after September 5, 2017. Applications submitted prior to September 5, 2017 will still be processed.
- DACA recipients with an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) scheduled to expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018 may re-apply for a two-year renewal. Applications for renewal must be accepted by October 5, 2017. **Please seek advice from a trusted legal representative (attorney or DOJ accredited representative) before submitting any renewal applications.**
- DACA EADs scheduled to expire after March 5, 2018 will not be renewable.
- Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) will remain valid through the expiration date. If your valid EAD is lost, stolen or destroyed, request a replacement EAD by filing Form I-765.
- No new advance parole documents will be issued to DACA recipients. All pending advance parole applications will be closed and application fees refunded.

Actions to take

- **Driver's Licenses/IDs:** If you don't have one and you are eligible, get a license or state ID with DACA 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 foreign IDs to ICE agents.** If you are an NYC resident, get an IDNYC!
- **Legal screening:** Call New Americans Hotline at (800) 566-7636 for referral to a trusted legal representative, especially if you have ever been in removal proceedings. NYC residents, call 311 for an appointment with ActionNYC.
- **Plan ahead:** If you have children, consider planning for someone to care for 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, copy and store all your documents in a safe place.
- **Stay informed:** Follow trusted organizations to stay informed and avoid scams. (See list below.)

Know your rights

- **Work Permits:** You do not have to tell your employer that you are a DACA recipient or that DACA is scheduled to end. You are allowed to work until the permit expires, and your employer cannot fire because of your DACA status or change your work status until your permit expires. Report unfair employment practices to the Department of Justice: (800) 255-7688.
- **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, get one!
- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE):** You have the right to remain silent if stopped or questioned by ICE, and ICE cannot enter your home or workplace without a valid warrant signed by a judge or without your permission.

Other important notes

- **Travel:** If you are outside the country on advanced parole, return as soon as possible! 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.
- **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.

Useful Links

- Employee rights: <https://www.nilc.org>
- How to get an SSN: <https://www.ssa.gov>
- General rights: <http://catholiccharitiesny.org>, <https://www.immdefense.org/raids>
- IDNYC: <http://www.nyc.gov/idnyc>
- Resources on family safety planning: <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org>

Trusted organizations

- <https://unitedwedream.org>
- <https://www.ilrc.org>
- <https://www.nilc.org>
- <http://catholiccharitiesny.org>
- <https://justiceforimmigrants.org>
- <https://cliniclegal.org>
- <https://www.nysylc.org>