



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DACA: Post-Sept 5, 2017

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For Current DACA Recipients¹

Q: What happens to my DACA status now?

A: Current DACA grants and associated work permits will be honored through their expiration dates by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Q: DHS has already approved my application to travel abroad through the advanced parole application process. Can I still travel abroad without losing my DACA grant?

A: Yes. DHS will honor advanced parole grants that have already been approved.

Q: I do not currently have approval to travel abroad through the advanced parole application process. Can I get approval to travel abroad without losing my DACA grant?

A: No. DHS will no longer issue new approvals for DACA recipients to travel abroad.

Q: What happens when my DACA status expires?

A: Once your DACA status expires (and you can no longer get it renewed), you will no longer be protected from deportation under the DACA program. You will be subject to removal rules and procedures.

For New DACA Applications¹

Q: I think I am eligible for DACA, but have never applied. Can I apply now?

A: No. Beginning September 5, 2017, no new DACA applications will be accepted by DHS.

Q: I applied for DACA before September 5, 2017, but have not yet heard back. Will first-time applications submitted before September 5th still be reviewed?

A: Yes. First-time DACA applications received by September 5, 2017 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

For DACA Renewals¹

Q: I submitted my application to renew my DACA status or work permit before September 5, 2017. Will my renewal application be reviewed?

A: Yes. DACA renewal applications received by September 5, 2017 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Q: My DACA grant and work permit expire before March 6, 2018. Can I apply to renew my DACA status or work permit?

A: Yes. If your DACA grant and associated work permit expire between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, you can apply for DACA renewal until October 5, 2017.

Q: My DACA grant and work permit expire after March 5, 2018. Can I apply to renew my DACA status or work permit?

A: No. Current DACA recipients whose grants and associated work permits expire on or after March 6, 2018 may not apply for renewal.

For Those Seeking Legal Services

Q: Where can I find affordable immigration legal services?

A: The Executive Office of Immigration Review has compiled a list of free or low-cost legal service providers operating in each state, located online <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>.

Q: How do I make sure the attorney I hire is licensed and allowed to provide legal services?

A: The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services offers tips on avoiding victimization by “notarios” unlicensed to practice law online at <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams>.

Q: Where can I find more information on California-specific immigration laws and legal services?

A: The California State Courts have an online immigration resource directory – which includes state and federal government immigration information and legal services information – located at <http://www.courts.ca.gov/immigration.htm>. California’s Office of Immigrant Assistance also provides immigration resources online at <https://oag.ca.gov/immigrant>.

¹ Department of Homeland Security. “Frequently Asked Questions: Rescission of Deferred Actions for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).” <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2017/09/05/frequently-asked-questions-rescission-deferred-action-childhood-arrivals-daca>