



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

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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 or call us at 844-955-3425.