



DACA Fact Sheet

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Trump Administration Ending the DACA Program

President Trump has decided to end the DACA program. On Sept. 5, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that there would be a “winding down” of DACA over the next six months. Presumably, Congress would have until March 5, 2018 to come up with legislation to deal with the almost 800,000 DACA recipients. While the President has also tweeted that if Congress did not act on legislation, he would “revisit” the issue, we do not know what he means by that.

NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION:

1. The DACA program is still in effect. DACA and work permits are valid until their expiration date.
2. New applications for DACA will no longer be accepted.
3. DACA recipients with status and work permits that expire between Sept. 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018, must renew by Oct. 5, 2017. If approved, these renewals will be good for 2 more years.
4. DACA recipients will no longer be given “advance parole” to travel abroad.
5. Congress does have a window, until March 5, 2018, to consider legislation, like the DREAM Act, to provide continued status for DACA recipients.



What to Do:

- Urge Congress to pass “stand alone” legislation, such as the Dream Act of 2017, by March 5, 2018, to continue the status of current DACA recipients. This will be difficult, as there is tremendous pressure to combine passage of the Dream Act with anti-immigrant and enforcement-heavy provisions.
- Keep fighting for real regularization/legalization for all undocumented immigrants!
- Don’t let up opposition to detention and deportations! The Trump Administration is still planning massive arrests and deportations across the country.

What is DACA?

DACA stands for “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals”. The program was announced on June 15, 2012 by the Secretary of Homeland Security under the Administration of President Obama, following the failure of Congress to pass similar legislation, such as the DREAM Act. It provides temporary authorization for undocumented immigrants who meet certain guidelines to remain in the United States.

How long does DACA permit eligible recipients to remain in the United States?

- Eligible grantees are permitted deferred action for a period of two years, which may be considered for renewal.

What does deferred action mean?

- Deferred action means delaying the deportation of an undocumented immigrant for a certain period of time.

What are the eligibility guidelines to be considered for DACA?

- Came to the United States before reaching 16th birthday;
- Continuously resided in United States since June 15, 2007, up until the present time;
- Under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
- Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
- Currently in school, have graduated or obtained certificate of completion from high school, have obtained General Education Development certification, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States of America;
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety;
- Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS.

The ending of DACA affects not only almost 800,000 young undocumented immigrants – it affects millions of people among their families, friends and communities. Most DACA recipients hold jobs, and would lose their work permits if they lose their DACA status. Now, they may be held “hostage” to Congressional deal-making for more punitive, restrictive immigration policies and increased immigration enforcement, including the building of Trump’s border wall.

Links to Resources:

What Do I need to Know About the End of DACA – A community advisory available in several languages from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. <https://www.ilrc.org/advisory-daca>

Frequently Asked Questions on DACA Termination – at Here to Stay.

<http://weareheretostay.org/resources/frequently-asked-questions-on-daca-termination/>

FAQs – DACA Rescission and Workplace Rights – at Here to Stay.

<http://weareheretostay.org/resources/faqs-daca-rescission-and-workplace-rights/>

United We Dream – <https://unitedwedream.org/>

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