

Policy Update on DACA



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Rescission of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Timeline of Rescission

- June 29 – [Letter from 10 State AGs](#) to Sessions
 - Lawsuit if not rescinded by Sept. 5
- September 4 – [Letter from Sessions](#) to DHS
 - Unconstitutional exercise of authority by the Executive Branch
- September 5 – [DHS memo](#) rescinding 2012 DACA



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Key Takeaways on DACA Termination

Key Takeaways

- No new applicants;
- Both DACA and corresponding work permits will remain valid until their designated expiration date;
- Those with existing DACA expiring between Sept. 5 and March 5 can apply for renewal.
 - October 5, 2017
 - Letter to DHS



Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA): What's Next?

What You Need to Know About Existing DACA Requirements and DACA Advocacy

1. **IF YOU HAD DACA ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, YOU STILL HAVE DACA.** The Administration ended DACA on September 5th, however your DACA is valid until its expiration date. Both DACA and corresponding work permits (employment authorization documents) will remain valid until their designated expiration date. To determine when your DACA and work permit expire, check your I-795 Approval Notice and the bottom of your employment authorization document (EAD).
2. **IF YOU HAVE DACA AND A WORK PERMIT THAT YOU WISH TO RENEW, AND IS SET TO EXPIRE BY MARCH 5, 2018, YOU MUST SUBMIT FOR RENEWAL BY OCTOBER 5, 2017.** If you already have DACA and a work permit that will expire between now and March 5, 2018, and you want to renew it, you must apply for a two-year renewal of your DACA by October 5, 2017. [Click here](#) for a link of organizations that can help you renew your application.
3. **NO NEW DACA APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will not accept or process first-time applications for DACA after September 5, 2017.
4. **BEWARE OF NOTARIO FRAUD.** Make sure you keep yourself informed about what your requirements are in relation to renewal. Spread the word that no new applications are being accepted. [Click here](#) to report to the federal government any fraudulent actions or advertisements you may see in regards to DACA. [Click here](#) to find more information on reporting these crimes to state officials.

DACA What's Next:

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/DACA-Whats-Next-1.pdf>

USCCB & Catholic Response

- Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop José H. Gomez, Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, and Bishop Joseph J. Tyson:
 - "The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible."
 - "The Church has recognized and proclaimed the need to welcome young people."
 - "DACA youth are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American youth."
 - "We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution."
 - Full Statement: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-157.cfm>
- Over 35 statements by individual Bishops, as well as several Catholic Conferences (including NJ, TX, NE, AZ, NM, and CA):
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/DACA-Support-1.pdf>
- Executive Committee:
 - "[T]he Committee urges the Catholic faithful and all people of good will to contact their representatives in Congress to urge the passage of the DREAM Act or similar legislation as a prompt, humane, and durable solution to this problem of greatest urgency."
 - "[R]equests that the Department of Homeland Security extend the October 5, 2017 deadline for the DACA renewals."
 - Full Statement: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-165.cfm>

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- V Encuentro Celebration
- DREAMers Retreat
- Walk with Mary
- National Migration Week



Legislation

- **BRIDGE Act (H.R. 496 / S. 128)**
 - Rep. Coffman (R-CO) / Senator Graham (R-SC)
 - Introduced January 2017 (pre-inauguration)
 - Estimated 1.9 million potentially eligible
 - Stop-gap measure (3 years of protection)
- **DREAM Act (H.R. 3440 / S. 1615)**
 - Reps. Roybal-Allard (D-CA) and Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) / Senators Graham (R-SC) and Durbin (D-IL)
 - Introduced July 2017
 - Estimated 1.8 million potentially protected
 - Permanent Resident Status on a Conditional Basis & path to citizenship
- **RAC Act (H.R. 1468)**
 - Rep. Curbelo (R-FL)
 - Introduced March 2017
 - Estimated 1.06 million potentially eligible
 - Permanent Resident Status on a Conditional Basis & path to citizenship



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What Can You Do?

- **Learn More.**
 - Sign up for Justice for Immigrants: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/take-action/join-us/>
 - DACA Resources Page: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/daca-resource-page/>
- **Contact Your Lawmakers.** Urge your members of Congress to cosponsor the DREAM Act. Take action at: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/action-alert-support-dream-act-2017/>
- **Share Stories and Information on DACA Renewal Clinics.**
- **Stay tuned for information on week of action (Share the Journey Campaign).**

Questions?

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