

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was created to allow undocumented immigrants who entered the United States before June 15, 2007 as a child under the age of 16 the ability to receive deferred action for a period of two years. Applicants must meet specific criteria pertaining to education and public safety, with each applicant being handled on a case-by-case basis.

The current limitations of DACA require the applicant to have been born after June 15, 1981. An announcement by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services on June 5, 2014 permitted DACA recipients to apply for a two year renewal of their deferred action.

The new provisions for DACA are as follows:

- The age cap will be removed. This will allow an undocumented immigrant that was under the age of 16 upon entering the United States who meets the requirements of DACA to apply regardless of his or her current age.
- DACA renewal and work authorization periods will be lengthened from two years to three years. This portion of the executive action became effective as of November 24, 2014.
- The date-of-entry by which an applicant must have entered the United States will be moved from June 15, 2007 to January 1, 2010.

Please Note: Due to current court rulings, the expansion for DACA has been suspended indefinitely. Please [click here](#) for updates.

For more information about DACA and its guidelines [click here](#).

Information from the Department of Homeland Security website.