



DACA: RENEWALS AND PROTECTIONS

DACA remains available for current recipients who need to renew. Recently, many renewals have taken longer to process. Even individuals who submitted their renewal applications months in advance have experienced significant delays.



WHAT IS DACA?

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) is a program that provides temporary protection from deportation and work authorization to certain individuals who came to the United States as children.

WHAT BENEFITS DOES DACA PROVIDE?

- ✓ Temporary protection from deportation
- ✓ Work authorization

These protections allow recipients to work legally in the United States while DACA remains in effect. It is important to avoid letting your benefit expire. If it does, you could lose your work authorization and face complications if you renew late.



WHEN SHOULD I RENEW MY DACA?

Due to current processing delays, many legal service providers recommend starting the renewal process approximately 4 to 5 months before your DACA expiration date.

WHAT HAPPENS TO INITIAL DACA APPLICATIONS?

Those who have never had DACA can apply, but these applications are pending approval due to court orders. If you already have DACA, you may continue to renew it. USCIS continues to process renewals.

AM I AT RISK OF DEPORTATION NOW?

With DACA in place, protections remain. However, DACA does not grant permanent immigration status nor does it eliminate the risk of contact with immigration authorities. Recently, more DACA recipients have been affected by immigration actions. Cases of arrests and deportations of recipients have been documented. In April 2026, the BIA ruled that having DACA does not automatically stop deportations.

If you have DACA, have had contact with ICE, have a prior deportation order, or have questions about your immigration history, consult an immigration attorney or accredited representative.



WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION FOR DACA RECIPIENTS?

The DACA landscape continues to change. Stay informed through reliable sources and act in advance of your benefit expiring. If your DACA is expiring soon, check the date and seek legal guidance if you have any questions. Renewing on time helps you maintain your employment authorization and benefits.



If you have questions about when to renew your documents, you can contact IACO for assistance.

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