

## DACA Frequently Asked Questions

On Jan. 9, 2018 and on Feb 13, 2018 federal courts ordered USCIS to resume accepting DACA applications for individuals who have previously been granted DACA. The Trump administration is appealing to higher courts. Currently, DACA renewals are being accepted, based on the terms in place before it was rescinded on Sept. 5, 2017.

**1) What does the March 5<sup>th</sup> date mean for me?**

March 5<sup>th</sup> is the original deadline set in which the DACA program would begin to phase out. Because of the court injunction, DACA renewals continue to be accepted until the court reverses its decision.

**2) Who is eligible to apply?**

Anyone who has DACA or who has previously been granted DACA is eligible to apply.

**3) When will USCIS stop accepting DACA renewal applications?**

USCIS must continue to accept applications until the current court order is reversed, but this date is unknown.

**4) What if my DACA expires in the next 150 days**

You should renew your DACA ASAP!

**5) What if my DACA expires in MORE than 150 days**

USCIS has been accepting applications for renewal applications even for Dreamers whose DACA expires in 2019.

**6) What if my DACA is EXPIRED?**

- a) If your DACA expired ON OR AFTER Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 you can submit a DACA Renewal application
- b) If your DACA expired BEFORE September 5, 2016, you must submit an INITIAL DACA application:
  - Include the date your DACA expired on Part 1 of the Form I-821D, and complete all sections of the I-821D (including those indicated as “for initial applications only”).
  - Include the supporting documentation necessary for an initial application (including proof that you meet the education requirement, proof of entry before age 16, proof of continuous presence since June 2007 and related documents).

**7) Where can I get assistance to apply?**

The Resurrection Project has Legal Clinics every Tuesday from 9:00am– 12:00pm at 1805 S Ashland and offers monthly evening Legal Clinics, for more information call (312) 880-3062.

**8) What do I need to bring during Legal Clinic?**

- o A copy of your previous DACA application
- o Current and previous work permits
- o Passport, state ID, driver's license or consular ID
- o 2 passport size pictures
- o Any criminal or traffic records you have had in the U.S
- o \$495 money order made payable to "Department of Homeland Security" (scholarships are available)
- o \$50 money order made payable to "The Resurrection Project" for postage, processing, and copies

**9) What are the risks of applying?**

- a. The Trump administration is appealing this decision and a higher court could allow USCIS to stop processing these applications.
- b. You may lose your \$495 application fee.
- c. Any new information you submit to USCIS, including personal information such as your address and criminal history, may be shared with immigration enforcement agents. Although USCIS says it is only sharing this information in certain limited circumstances right now, it could change in the future.

**10) What can I do if I'm detained by ICE or the Police?**

Remember, if you encounter an ICE agent or police officer, you have the right to:

1. REMAIN SILENT
2. SPEAK WITH AND BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY
3. NOT SIGN ANYTHING
4. DENY ENTRY TO YOUR HOME