



Q&A about the Trump Administration's September 5, 2017 announcement about DACA

I currently have DACA status and got my employment authorization through DACA. How does the announcement affect me?

- Your DACA status and employment authorization will continue until their expiration dates, even if that is after March 5, 2018.

How do I know when my DACA status and employment authorization expire?

- DACA status usually lasts for two years from the date it is granted. You can find this date on the papers you got from USCIS telling you that you had been approved for DACA. USCIS is the branch of the Department of Homeland Security that handles applications related to immigration status.
- Employment authorization also usually lasts for two years. You can find the date your employment authorization expires on your employment authorization document (a.k.a., your "EAD").

I have applied for, but have not yet received, DACA status and employment authorization. What will happen to my applications?

- If your initial DACA and employment authorization applications were submitted to, and accepted by USCIS, as of September 5, 2017, USCIS will consider them.

I have applied for renewal of my DACA status and employment authorization. What will happen to my applications?

- If your applications to renew DACA status and employment authorization were submitted to, and accepted by USCIS, as of September 5, 2017, USCIS will consider them.

I would like to apply to renew my DACA status and employment authorization. Can I still do that?

- If your DACA status and employment authorization will expire by March 5, 2018, you can still apply for renewal, but your applications must be accepted by USCIS by no later than October 5, 2017.

What does it mean for USCIS to “accept” an application?

- After receiving your DACA and employment authorization applications, USCIS reviews them to determine if they are complete, signed and include the required fees. When USCIS is satisfied that you have filed an application properly, it will notify you that it has accepted your application.
- This means that you should not wait until the deadline to submit your applications. If USCIS does not accept them, such as because you have forgotten a necessary part, then you will need more time to correct the mistake.

Will USCIS continue to judge pending DACA applications and renewal applications in the same way that it judged DACA applications previously?

- The Trump Administration announcement does not say that there will be any changes, but we don't know for certain.

What does the announcement mean for people with DACA status who would like to leave and return to the U.S.?

- It will be much harder than before for people with DACA status to get permission to return to the U.S. after leaving (a.k.a., “advance parole”).
- If you have gotten “advance parole” and want to travel outside the U.S., we encourage you to get advice from an attorney before leaving. If you don't have an attorney, your union might be able to help you find one.
- If you have submitted an application for permission to travel outside of the U.S. and have not yet gotten an answer, the application will be denied and the fees you paid should be returned to you.

I have not yet applied for DACA status. Can I apply now or in the future?

- No. No new applications will be accepted until we change the law.

Is this the government's final decision about the Dreamers?

- It does not have to be, but that is up to all of us. By organizing, the Dreamers and their supporters convinced President Obama to create DACA in 2012, and we can make that

happen again. By continuing to organize, we can change the law to protect the Dreamers and all undocumented immigrants – permanently!

What can I do to make change?

- Educate your coworkers, friends and family about the DACA decision and make sure those eligible to renew their DACA status do so before the October 5, 2017 deadline.
- Make a plan with your local union and community groups to encourage employers and elected officials to speak out in support of DACA.
- Call on Members of Congress to fix our broken immigration system and start with the passage of the bi-partisan Dream Act of 2017.