

What's next for DACA

On September 5, the government announced that DACA is ending. However, it will not end immediately. See below for information on * What to expect * Who can renew their DACA * Where to get help and information

1. Beware of scams and false information

There are many scams and many false rumors related to DACA.

- Do NOT trust everyone who offers to help you with your DACA.
- Do NOT believe everything you hear from a friend or relative. Do NOT believe everything you read on Facebook or on the internet.
- Come to a trusted organization (like Canal Alliance) for accurate information and to get help.

2. What happens once your DACA expires?

- You do not have to tell your current employer.
- Your employer cannot demand more documents from you, or fire you because of DACA, as long as your current work permit has not yet expired.
- For most people with DACA, their driver's license expires the same day as their work permit. You will be able to renew by getting an "AB 60" license, which is good for five years and does not depend on DACA. You will have to show your old license plus proof of your address, and you may have to retake the written DMV test. If you are applying for a license for the first time and your DACA has expired, you will need to prove your identity with documents from your country of origin. For additional information, contact Canal Alliance.
- People are at higher risk if they... * Have criminal records (including DUI's) * Were previously ordered deported * Were supposed to go to court but did not show up. However, people without DACA protection can be arrested and later deported if ICE happens to cross paths with you. The safest thing to do is to avoid any problems with the police.
- If ICE ever is at your door: You have the right to not open the door, unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. They very rarely have such a warrant. You have the right to not talk to them, even if they pressure you. Their job is to get what they need to arrest and deport you. Your job is to protect yourself.

3. When does your DACA expire? Who can renew?

- If you have DACA now: You can use your work permit until it expires.
- If your work permit expired before September 5: If you already filed for renewal, just wait. They will process your renewal. If you have not filed for renewal, you cannot renew now.
- If your work permit expires between September 5 and March 5: You will be able to renew one more time. The renewal application must be in their hands by October 5. Mailing it on October 5 is not sufficient.
- If your work permit expires after March 5: You will not be able to renew. Your DACA status will expire the day your work permit expires.

4. If your DACA expires between September 5 and March 5

- Get a renewal application in soon. All renewals must be in the government's hands by October 5. Mailing it on October 5 is not sufficient.
- We recommend getting help at one of our renewal workshops, or from another trusted organization. See below for information on our workshops.

5. If you are eligible to renew, but can't afford the \$495 filing fee

Some funds will be available to help people who don't have \$495 to spare. For information, call 415.454.2640 or come to Canal Alliance.

6. Things that could complicate a DACA renewal

- Have you had ANY contact with police since the last time you applied for DACA?
- Have you ever left the U.S. since 2012?

If the answer to either question is "Yes," contact Canal Alliance immediately at 415.306.0437 so we can schedule you for a free consultation with an immigration law expert.

7. You may be eligible for something better than DACA

Informational workshop: We will have a workshop to discuss other ways that people can get a work permit or a green card. The time and place have not yet been decided. If interested, go to tinyurl.com/CanalDACA and answer the question at the bottom that asks if you are interested in attending. You can also call 415.306.0437.

You can also set up an individual consultation at Canal Alliance. For this, call 415.454.2640.

Here are some common ways that people get work permits and green cards:

- You have been the victim of a crime in the U.S. (such as assault, domestic violence, etc.)
- There is someone (or some group) in your home country that wants to harm you or control you.
- You have a husband/wife who is a citizen, or who has a green card.
- You have a parent who is a citizen, or who has a green card.
- You have a child who is a citizen and is over 21.
- You have a brother/sister who is a citizen and is over 21.

8. DACA renewal workshops

We will have workshops to help people renew DACA. Remember, you can only renew if your work permit expires between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. Here are the details:

TIME: Saturday 9/23 and Sunday 9/24, 9:30 to 1:30. (You have to get there by 11:30 to be served.)

LOCATION: 1650 Los Gamos Drive #110 in San Rafael (near Lucas Valley Road).

HOW TO SIGN UP: Go to tinyurl.com/CanalDACA (English) or tinyurl.com/CanalDACA-Esp (Spanish), or call 415.306.0437, or come to Canal Alliance.

NOTE: The person with DACA must be present. A relative cannot come in your place.

You need to bring these things to the workshop. If you cannot get one (or more) of them, call us at 415.306.0437 as soon as possible.

- Your most recent work permit (or a good-quality copy of both sides)
- 2 passport-sized photos
- A check or money order for \$495 made out to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security.”
- A list of all the addresses where you have lived in 2015, 2016 and 2017. For each address, write down the year and month you moved in.
- If you have been outside the US in the last 2 years: Your passport (or write down the dates you traveled) and your Advance Parole document
- Your Social Security Number (just the number -- the actual card is not needed)
- Your last DACA application or DACA renewal application

