

DACA Frequently Asked Questions

1. I THOUGHT DACA WAS RESCINDED. WHAT HAPPENED?



DACA renewals are currently being accepted, due to several federal court decisions throughout the country. *For more information, see [DACA Litigation Timeline](#).*

2. CAN I APPLY FOR DACA IF I'VE NEVER APPLIED BEFORE?

No. USCIS is currently not accepting initial DACA applications.

3. CAN I APPLY FOR ADVANCED PAROLE?

No. USCIS is not accepting applications at this time.

4. CAN I RENEW MY DACA IF I'M ELIGIBLE?

Yes!

You will need: Form I-821D Form I-765 Form I-765WS
 A front and back copy of your current Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Check or money order for \$495 made to "US Department of Homeland Security"
 Any other documents as required by the instructions on each form



(Passport photos are not required for DACA Renewal applications)

5. WHEN SHOULD I RENEW MY DACA?

Renew your DACA as soon as possible if it expires in the next 12 months, so long as you continue to remain eligible. You do not have to wait until 150 days before your DACA expiration date to submit your request to renew DACA. *Please make sure to get your DACA renewal started at least 3-4 months before your DACA expires. USCIS is no longer notifying you when you need to renew.*

6. CAN I RENEW IF MY DACA EXPIRED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO?



Yes. If you received DACA before September 5, 2016 and you didn't renew, you may renew your expired DACA by submitting an initial DACA application and supporting documents. If your DACA expired on or after September 5, 2016, but you did not renew, then you may renew your expired DACA by filing a DACA renewal application.

7. HAVE THE DACA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CHANGED?

No. the eligibility requirements for DACA have **not** changed. *Please speak with a qualified attorney before renewing your DACA if you have had any contact with police or immigration authorities, or if you have changed your address.*

8. CAN I GET HELP WITH MY DACA RENEWAL?

Yes! Our services are free to current UC students and immediate family members. Please contact your campus attorney for help.

9. CAN I GET HELP WITH MY \$495 DACA FEE?

Please check with your campus attorney to see if your campus provides assistance with the \$495 DACA Filing Fee.

DACA LITIGATION TIMELINE

JUNE 28, 2019

The Supreme Court has decided to hear the DACA case on November 12, 2019.



This means that the Supreme Court will likely make a decision regarding the DACA case by June of 2020. However, we cannot predict what the Supreme Court will decide about DACA. We continue to encourage those eligible to renew to do so.

NOV 8, 2018

The Ninth Circuit issued a decision upholding Northern California District Court's January 9, 2018 decision.

This means the preliminary injunction has remained in place and **DACA Renewals can continue.**

AUG 31, 2018

A Federal Judge in Texas issued a decision in a lawsuit filed by Texas and 6 other states to stop DACA.

The Texas Judge decided not to issue an injunction: DACA renewals can continue.

APR 25, 2018

A Federal Judge in D.C. ordered the US government to also resume accepting initial DACA applications.

However, this decision is on hold at this time. USCIS is **not** accepting DACA initial applications or Advanced Parole applications.

MAR 5, 2018

A Federal Judge in Maryland ruled that the Trump Administration has the authority to terminate DACA.

However, USCIS will continue accepting DACA renewals because the CA and NY cases remain in effect nationwide. The Federal Judge also ruled that the government should continue protecting information on DACA applications.

FEB 13, 2018

A Federal Judge in New York also ordered the U.S. government to temporarily continue accepting DACA renewal applications.



JAN 9, 2018

A Federal Judge in San Francisco ordered USCIS to resume accepting DACA renewals.

This blocks the U.S. government from terminating the DACA program nationwide.