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Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and the Expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)



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“You can **come out of the shadows** and get **right with the law.**”

President Obama addressing the nation on November 20, 2014

DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY (DAPA)

Those who qualify:

- Are the parent of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident child on November 20, 2014
- Child can be a minor or adult and single or married
- Have continuously resided in the United States since January 1, 2010, to present
- Physically present in the U.S. on November 20, 2014, and at the time of filing the application
- Did not have lawful status on November 20, 2014
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or multiple misdemeanor offenses
- Can demonstrate that you deserve a grant of deferred action

No applications accepted until May 2015.
Anticipated Filing Fee: \$465.

The Obama Administration's Deferred Action for Parental Accountability and Expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Programs

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would not deport certain undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and parents of lawful permanent residents (LPRs). The president also announced an expansion of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program for youth who came to the United States as children. Under a directive from the secretary of DHS, these parents and youth may be granted a type of temporary permission to stay in the U.S. called “deferred action.” These programs are expected to help up to five million people, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

What is deferred action?

Deferred action is a kind of administrative relief from deportation that has been around a long time. Through it, DHS authorizes a non-U.S. citizen to remain in the U.S. temporarily. The person may also apply for an employment authorization document (a work permit) for the period during which he or she has deferred action.

WARNING: Do NOT take advice about your immigration case from a notary public or an immigration consultant. Contact ONLY a qualified immigration lawyer or an accredited representative for legal advice about your case. If you encounter notario fraud, report it at www.stopnotariofraud.org.

EXPANSION OF DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

Those who qualify:

- Arrived in the U.S. when under 16 years of age
- Have continuously resided in the United States from January 1, 2010, to the present
- Physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of filing the application
- Did not have a lawful status on June 15, 2012
- Currently enrolled in school, graduated from high school, obtained a GED, are enrolled in GED classes or are honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces.
- Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, multiple misdemeanors, or otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety
- Are at least 15 years old (may be younger if in removal proceedings)

No applications accepted until February 2015.
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“If you’ve been in America for more than five years; if you have children who are American citizens or legal residents; if you register, pass a criminal background check, and you’re willing to pay your fair share of taxes —you’ll be able to apply to stay in this country temporarily, without fear of deportation.”



Information courtesy of the National Immigration Law Center and National Immigration Justice Center.

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