

A second chance for DACA?

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On Tuesday, April 24, United States District Judge John D. Bates ruled that the Trump administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was unlawful. He gave the government 90 days to explain its reasons for cancelling the program. If the Trump administration fails to convince the judge, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must resume accepting and processing new DACA applications.



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What does this mean?

Currently, DHS is NOT accepting new DACA applications. Those who have been granted DACA before may still renew, under the rules we explained in [our earlier newsletter](#). The government has 90 days to present its case for cancelling DACA, so for now we must wait to see the outcome of the case. We will post updates on our website as we learn new information.

What can I do to prepare?

If you have not already had a consultation to determine your eligibility for DACA, we encourage you to call our office to schedule one. Once you have consulted with an attorney, you may consider gathering some documents you will need for your DACA application. One of the main requirements for DACA is to submit documentation that proves that you have been physically present in the United States since June 15, 2007. That's 11 years' worth of documentation! While we wait for the outcome of the case to resume DACA, brainstorm ways that you can meet this requirement. Common documents that people use for DACA applications include school records, rent receipts, employment records, and ID cards. You can use virtually any official document that shows your name and the date.

When can I apply?

We do not know yet if or when DHS will begin accepting new DACA applications. [Check our website for updates](#) on this important case!

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