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Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

What Is DACA

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. They are also eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a certain period of time. Deferred action does not provide lawful status.

You may request DACA if you:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

Age Guidelines

Anyone requesting DACA must have been under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012. You must also be at least 15 years or older to request DACA, unless you are currently in removal proceedings or have a final removal or voluntary departure order, as summarized in the table below:

Your situation	Age
I have never been in removal proceedings, or my proceedings have been terminated before making my request.	At least 15 years old at the time of submitting your request and under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012.
I am in removal proceedings, have a final removal order, or have a voluntary departure order, and I am not in immigration detention.	Under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012, but you may be younger than 15 years old at the time you submit your request.

Timeframe for Meeting the Guidelines

You must demonstrate

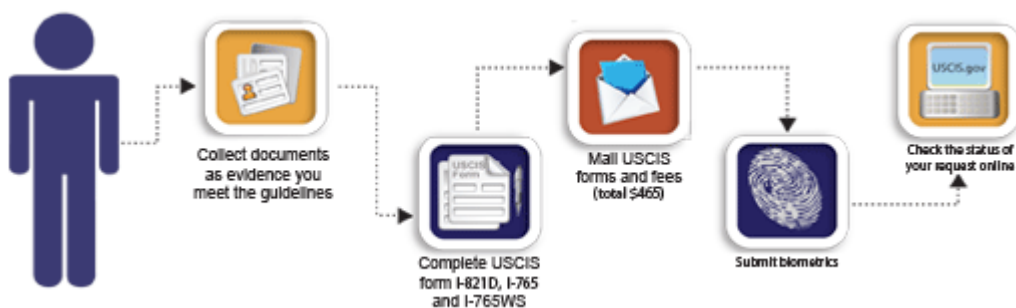
That on June 15, 2012 you	As of the date you file your request you
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Were under the age of 31 years• Were physically present in the United States• Had no lawful status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have resided continuously in the U.S. since June 15, 2007;• Had come to the United States before your 16th birthday• Were physically present in the United States; and• Are in school, have graduated from high school in the United States, or have a GED; or• Are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States

Education and Military Service Guidelines

Your school or military status at the time of requesting DACA	Meet education or military service guidelines for DACA
<p>I graduated from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or private high school; or Secondary school. <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have obtained a GED. 	Yes
<p>I am currently enrolled in school.</p> <p>See the Education section of the FAQs for a full explanation of who is considered currently in school.</p>	Yes
<p>I was in school but dropped out and did not graduate. I am not currently in school and am not an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S.</p>	No
<p>I am an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S.</p>	Yes

Filing Process for DACA

If you meet the guidelines for DACA, you will need to complete the following steps to make your request to USCIS.



Collect documents as evidence you meet the guidelines.

You will need to submit supporting documents with your request for DACA. You can submit legible copies of these documents unless the instructions specify you must submit an original document.

<p>Proof of identity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport or national identity document from your country of origin • Birth certificate with photo identification • School or military ID with photo • Any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo
<p>Proof you came to U.S. before your 16th birthday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport with admission stamp • Form I-94/I-95/I-94W • School records from the U.S. schools you have attended • Any Immigration and Naturalization Service or DHS document stating your date of entry (Form I-862, Notice to Appear) • Travel records • Hospital or medical records • Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc.) • Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony • Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country • Birth certificates of children born in the U.S. • Dated bank transactions • Automobile license receipts or registration • Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts • Tax receipts, insurance policies
<p>Proof of immigration status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form I-94/I-95/I-94W with authorized stay expiration date • Final order of exclusion, deportation, or removal issued as of June 15, 2012 • A charging document placing you into removal proceedings
<p>Proof of presence in U.S. on June 15, 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent receipts or utility bills

<p>Proof of identity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport or national identity document from your country of origin • Birth certificate with photo identification • School or military ID with photo • Any U.S. government immigration or other document bearing your name and photo
<p>Proof you continuously resided in U.S. since June 15, 2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, etc) • School records (letters, report cards, etc) • Military records (Form DD-214 or NGB Form 22) • Official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony • Copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country Passport entries • Birth certificates of children born in the U.S. • Dated bank transactions • Automobile license receipts or registration • Deeds, mortgages, rental agreement contracts • Tax receipts, insurance policies
<p>Proof of your student status at the time of requesting DACA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official records (transcripts, report cards, etc) from the school that you are currently attending in the United States. • U.S. high school diploma or certificate of completion • U.S. GED certificate
<p>Proof you are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty • NGB Form 22, National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service • Military personnel records • Military health records

Please see the **Instructions for Form I-821D, Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**, for further details on acceptable documentation.