



OCTOBER 2020 DACA RENEWALS

In July 2020, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced changes to the DACA program. Below is the most current DACA renewal information.

OVERVIEW OF THE DACA PROGRAM:

The DACA program is currently open to individuals who have DACA, had DACA, or had their DACA terminated. **Please note that DACA applications from first-time applicants (those who have never had DACA) are not being accepted.** USCIS will reject DACA applications from first-time applicants, and the applicant will receive the forms and filing fees back.

A complete DACA renewal filing will include form I-821D, I-765, I-765WS, and G-1145. These forms can be found on the USCIS website at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/all-forms>.

DACA renewals processed and approved on or after July 28, 2020 will only be renewed for one year. The price is \$495. Make sure your check or money order is made payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" (all spelled out) and includes your name on the check. DACA renewal applications should be **submitted between 150 days and 120 days prior to the expiration date on your current DACA work permit**. If you submit it earlier than that, they will reject your application and send it back to you with the filing fee money.

For detailed help on how to complete the DACA renewal forms, please check out the ILRC's full-length walkthrough video here: <https://bit.ly/dacarenewalvideo>.

IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE DACA:

If you currently have DACA, you can submit your renewal between 150 and 120 days prior to expiration. To avoid delays in processing, try to apply on the 150-day mark prior to your DACA expiring.

Filings should include the forms listed above, a copy of your work permit (front and back), and the filing fee of \$495.

IF YOU HAD DACA BUT DO NOT HAVE IT NOW:

If you had DACA -

- But it expired less than one year ago, you can still renew your DACA. You should submit your renewal as soon as possible. All that is needed is a copy of your last work permit, front and back.
- But it expired more than one year ago or was previously terminated, you can still apply to renew your DACA now. You will need to submit all supporting documentation as if you are applying for DACA for the first time. This means you need to have documents to show you meet all of the DACA requirements. You should still mark the application as a renewal and write the date your DACA expired or was terminated on Part 1 of the Form I-821D, if you know it. If you do not know the date, write "unknown."