

## **NEW CHANGES TO DACA PROGRAM**

In June 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that allowed the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to continue. However, on July 28, 2020 the Trump administration issued a memo describing new restrictions limiting the DACA program in several ways.

Below are the **top 5 facts** you need to know about the new changes and the current status of DACA.

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### **All first-time DACA applications will be rejected.**

US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) will reject all new first-time DACA applications, including first-time applications filed before the issuance of this memo (these applications will be returned along with filing fees). No individuals will be approved for DACA for the first time.

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### **Current DACA recipients remain with the same status and protections.**

Current DACA recipients remain in the same status and will keep their work authorizations and protections until their status is scheduled to expire.

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### **All DACA renewals will be granted for only 1 year.**

All DACA renewals, including those currently pending, will only be granted and valid for 1 year instead of the previous two-year period. This means that DACA recipients will need to renew their status every year, doubling the expense of applying.

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### **Almost all advanced parole requests will be rejected.**

Advanced parole requests, including those pending, will be rejected unless there is an "exceptional circumstance".

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### **Seek legal advice and stay updated.**

If you have questions about how this memo may affect you or someone you know, please consult an attorney or an accredited representative. Individuals should not take so-called "legal advice" from a Notary or anyone other than an attorney or accredited representative.

These RI organizations offer legal consults and DACA renewal services:

- Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island (401-784-8600)
- Progreso Latino (401-728-5920)
- Diocese of Providence (401- 421-7833).

There will be legal challenges to the restrictions in this memo. Stayed tuned for updates by following these organizations:

- [Immigrants Rising](#)
- [Informed Immigrant](#)
- [United We Dream](#)
- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
- [National Immigration Law Center.](#)