

What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)?

DACA is an immigration benefit for some people who came to the U.S. as children. A person with DACA can get a work permit for two years, and a social security number. In some states, a person with DACA can get a driver's license or go to a state college. DACA can be renewed, but it is not forever.

Do I qualify for DACA?

There are rules about who can get DACA. You might qualify for DACA if:

- You came to live in the U.S. before June 15, 2007 and
- You came to the U.S. before your 16th birthday and
- You were born after June 15, 1981 and
- You had no immigration status on June 15, 2012 (and no immigration status when you apply for DACA) and
- You graduated high school; got a GED; or you are in school or taking classes now. You can go back to school or take classes to qualify. Not all schools or classes may qualify.

Some kinds of criminal or gang problems disqualify you from DACA. You won't get DACA if the government thinks you are dangerous. You won't get DACA if you traveled outside the U.S. at the wrong time or stayed out of the country for too long.

Where can I find out more?

Go to the Own the Dream website at www.weownthedream.org. If you have a smart phone, download a free mobile app, "Pocket DACA," to learn more.

How do I apply for DACA?

The Own the Dream website has a <u>free interview</u> that helps people with easy cases fill out the forms.

How do I find legal help?

The Own the Dream website has a <u>legal directory</u>. Do not go to a "notario" or "immigration consultant." Pocket DACA has a legal directory too.

