

# ATTENTION: President Obama Announces Executive Action on Immigration

On November 20, 2014, President Obama announced a new Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program for parents who have been in the US since before January 1, 2010 and who have a child who is a US citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR).

## DAPA Program Eligibility Requirements



You may be eligible for this new program if:

1. You have at least one child who is a US citizen or LPR, and who was born on or before November 20, 2014;
2. You have continuously lived in the US since before January 1, 2010;
3. You were in the US and had no lawful immigration status on November 20, 2014; and
4. You have not been convicted of certain crimes or engaged in certain illegal activity.

The application cost will probably be \$465 but this price may change.

### Like DACA, the DAPA Program:

- » Provides protection from deportation for three years;
- » Allows applicants to apply for work authorization that lasts three years;
- » Participants may re-apply after three years; and
- » Participants may also apply for a social security number and, in some states, may apply for a driver's license.
- » DAPA does NOT grant individuals permanent immigration status. The program may change or be terminated in the future.

***NOTE: There is NO application process yet.*** The President made clear that DAPA applications will not be accepted or processed until late May 2015 at the earliest. Beware of anyone who claims they can submit an application for you now or can “hold your place in line.”

## Changes to DACA Eligibility

The DACA program remains open to applications. Beginning around February 20, 2015, the following changes will go into effect:

1. You came to the US before the age of 16 (adults 31 or older can also now apply);
2. You have continuously lived in the US since before January 1, 2010;
3. You meet certain educational criteria, such having a high school diploma or enrolling in an adult education class, including certain vocational education, ESL or GED classes;
4. You have not committed certain crimes or engaged in certain illegal activity; and
5. You have no lawful status as of June 15, 2012.

The period of deferred action and work authorization has been changed to three years instead of two years for new applications and renewals.

# How to Prepare for the DAPA Program

## Start Gathering Documents Now to Help Prove Eligibility

- » **Proof of your identity:** Such as your passport, *matricula consular*, or birth certificate and a photo ID. Visit your country's consulate to obtain one of these documents if you do not already have them.
- » **Proof that you were in the U.S. on November 20, 2014:** Provide proof that you were in the U.S. on a date as close as possible to Nov. 20, 2014. See the list of examples below.
- » **Proof that you have a U.S. citizen or LPR child who was born on or before November 20, 2014:** For example, your child's birth certificate with your name on it.
- » **Proof that you have been in the country for at least 5 years since before January 1, 2010:** Collect documents that include your name and date to show you have been in the U.S. since before January 1, 2010 up to the date of your application.

## Examples of documents that may be used to show presence in the US:

- » Proof of employment: W-2s, tax returns, pay stubs or other pay receipts from your jobs (past and present); photocopies of checks if you are paid by check; letter from your current employer on their letterhead stating the dates of employment
- » Union membership records
- » Bank statements, cancelled checks, money order receipts, and wire transfer receipts
- » Billing statements or receipts (phone, electricity, water, rent, insurance, car insurance, gym membership, etc.)
- » Leases, rental agreements, property titles (house, car)
- » Medical records: yours or your child's if it includes your name
- » Driver's license or photo ID (the date issued on the card can be used)
- » School records, church records, or other attendance certificates (if it is your child's record, it should have your name on it)



## CAUTION: AVOID IMMIGRATION FRAUD

**No one can apply for the new DAPA program yet.** Some people may try to take advantage of you or others by giving incorrect or misleading legal advice for a fee. If you are not sure if the person offering to help you is telling the truth, check with another reliable source, like a church, trusted community organization, or ABLE. Remember, in the US, *notarios públicos* are not lawyers and cannot give you legal advice or fix your immigration papers. Only an attorney or BIA accredited representative can give legal advice.

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