**What is DACA?**

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, is a Department of Homeland Security policy that allows for certain undocumented Americans to have their deportations delayed and obtain a temporary work permit.

To be eligible, a person must have been age 30 or younger as of 2012, enrolled in or graduated from school, and not have a felony conviction. For additional qualifications, visit the official USCIS website. Individuals must submit to a biometrics and background check, and pay $495 in fees as part of their application. DACA lasts for two years, and each renewal (which costs an additional $495) is not guaranteed.

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**DACA Recipients CANNOT**

- DACA recipients cannot receive amnesty, a path to citizenship, or legalization.
- DACA recipients cannot vote.
- DACA recipients cannot receive any federal benefits, like Social Security, college financial aid, or food stamps.

**DACA Recipients CAN**

- DACA recipients can get a temporary stay against their deportation for two years at a time.
- DACA recipients can apply for driver’s licenses in some states. The licenses are marked that they cannot be used for federal purposes, like voting.
- DACA recipients are required to pay federal income taxes.

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**What are the results of DACA?**

Because of DACA, 886,814 of the potentially eligible 1,932,000 undocumented Americans had their applications accepted.

A survey of 1,308 DACA recipients showed:

- **95%** are currently working or in school
- **63%** got a better paying job
- **54%** bought their first car
- **48%** got a job with better working conditions
- **12%** bought their first home

DACA recipients contribute $1.2 billion annually in federal, state, and local tax revenue. That revenue would disappear if DACA were repealed.

**$1.2B in new tax revenue**

Source: Migration Policy Institute

Source: Professor Tom Wong of the University of California, the National Immigration Law Center, and the Center for American Progress

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**DACA in Danger**

73% of Donald Trump voters want young people who are undocumented, “DREAMers,” to stay in the US legally.

Source: Morning Consult/Politico National Tracking Poll

Congress and government officials are publicly debating the continuation of DACA. Ten state attorneys general threatened to file a lawsuit over the program, while 19 state attorneys general and Washington, D.C.’s Attorney General have urged President Trump to keep the program in place.

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