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Deferred Action Renewal

The Process

- You are eligible to renew your Deferred Action(DACA) status 4 to 5 months before your status expires. Your status expires on the date your Employment Authorization Card expires.
- There is not as much paperwork as the initial application. The government wants to see any changes since your last application. For example, if you have graduated from school or obtained your GED since your initial application, bring your diploma. If you are still in school, bring proof of enrollment.
- 2 passport style photos must now be sent with your application.

Helpful Tips

- Do not go to notaries or offices that fill out immigration forms and taxes. The individuals at these offices are not licensed to practice law.
- Stay out of trouble! Arrests can affect your ability to renew your Deferred Action.
- But, if you are arrested, be honest with your attorney. Make sure to tell your attorney about all arrests and tickets.
- If you have moved since you initially submitted your DACA, change your address with USCIS on their website.
- Tell your attorney if anything has changed in your life. For example, if you have gotten married. These types of changes may give you other immigration options.
- Be careful with where you go to school. Deferred Action cases have been denied because the government did not recognize an applicant's school or GED program, usually an online homeschool or internet school. It is safest to only attend classes and GED programs at a community college accredited by the State of Texas.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I travel outside the United States?
 - Possibly. But, you must ask the government's permission first. Certain situations, such as these are for family emergencies or school or work programs usually qualify. Consult with an attorney to find out more.
- How much is the government fee?
 - \$465.00
- What happens if I don't renew my DACA?
 - You will not have legal immigration status. This can affect educational and employment opportunities. Also, you have no protection from deportation. So renew it on time!
- What if I never applied for DACA but think I might qualify? Is it too late?
 - No. The government is still accepting initial applications. Consult with an immigration attorney or accredited representative at a non-profit.

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