

DACA RENEWALS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Immigrant Justice
THE RESURRECTION PROJECT

DACA RENEWAL APPLICATIONS ARE EXPERIENCING DELAYS

This may put recipients at risk of losing their work permits, jobs and income while waiting for USCIS decisions.

IMPACT OF DACA RENEWAL DELAYS

WORK &
INCOME



- Loss of work permits and employment
- Loss of income needed to support families
- Challenges maintaining professional licenses

EDUCATION &
CAREER GOALS



- Interruptions or delays in education and career plans

EMOTIONAL
WELL-BEING



- Uncertainty can create stress, anxiety, and feelings of instability at work and in daily life

LEGAL
UNCERTAINTY



- Delays in DACA renewals can leave recipients without active protections while waiting for a decision.

RECENT PROCESSING ACTIVITY

Some applications filed **before April 2026** are still pending in many cases.

Some applications filed **on or after April 2026** have already been approved



Visit NILC's
Steps to Take if
Your DACA
Renewal Is
Delayed

WHAT CAN DACA RECIPIENTS DO?



Renew as soon as possible

- **150 days (5 months)** to 120 days (4 months), before your current DACA and employment authorization document (EAD) expire
- **Locate a legal service provider** to help renew, or for *potential* financial assistance with renewal fees, at icirr.org/nai



Renew as soon as possible

- **Save copies** of your application, receipts, USCIS notices, and records of anyone you contact about your case.
- **Track** how delays are affecting you (job loss, unpaid leave, financial impact, etc.).



If detained, call ICIRR:
Family Support Network Hotline
1(855)-435-7693

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More information and to register
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DACA RENEWAL DELAYED?

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Prepare for Possible Changes

- Renew your driver's license, if eligible. Learn more ilsos.gov
- Develop safety plans for your household. Find an example on IllinoisImmigrationInfo.org
- Explore self-employment options
- Familiarize yourself with HR policies from your employer

2

Check Status

- If application has been pending for MORE than 120 days (outside normal processing times; subject to USCIS changes), submit a case inquiry
 - Submit a case inquiry: <https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request> or using the USCIS chatbot (Emma) on the USCIS website.
- If your case has been pending more than 105+ days, call USCIS at 1-800-375-5283.

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Expedite your Case

- Request expedited processing of your Form I-765 if the delay is causing severe financial hardship.
- Submit your request through your USCIS online account or virtual assistant and include supporting evidence (e.g., employer letter or proof of unpaid leave).

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Escalate your Case

ONLY DO this after contacting USCIS

- Contact your representative or senator if your case is still delayed only after contacting USCIS.
 - Their office may be able to make an inquiry with USCIS on your behalf.
- Contact the Ombudsman's Office
 - <https://www.dhs.gov/topic/cis-ombudsman/7001>

**Explore other
Legal Options**

Talk to a trusted immigration attorney or DOJ-accredited representative to find out if you qualify for another form of work authorization or immigration relief.



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