

Consideration of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

FACT SHEET

Background

The Obama Administration announced on June 15 a new deferred action initiative – a form of administrative relief from deportation – that will apply primarily to certain young people who were brought to the United States as children. As many as 1.76 million unauthorized immigrant youth (under age 31) could gain relief from deportation under “deferred action for childhood arrivals,” known as DACA, according to estimates from the Migration Policy Institute. The deferred action would provide a two-year relief from deportation.

How to apply

Forms are available at no charge from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services beginning Aug. 15. They must be submitted along with an employment authorization application. Applicants will eventually have to provide biometrics and undergo background checks. Total fees for deferred action are \$465.

Assistance for students and families

The Mexican Consulate, 7435 N. Ingram Ave., Fresno, (559) 233-4241; www.facebook.com/consulmexfresno.

Deferred Action Help Center, 1551 E. Shaw Ave. Suite 107, Fresno, (559) 244-0868; www.DA4DC.org.

Fresno Unified support

Students may obtain proof of enrollment in the district from the Student Records Office, 1350 M St., (559) 457-3362.

Students and their families may look to trusted educators and schools for answers to their questions about how this new policy may help them. Principals, teachers, and school counselors who work with students who may benefit from this policy should familiarize themselves with information about the DACA.

At-a-Glance

Who is eligible?

- Came to the U.S. before the age of 16 as of June 15, 2012
- Were in the U.S. on June 15 and have continuously resided in the U.S. for at least five years
- Are currently in school, graduated from high school, obtained a general education development certificate or were honorably discharged from the Coast Guard or Armed Forces
- Have not been convicted of certain crimes
- Are not a threat to national security or public safety
- Were not above the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012

For more information

- For more information, go to the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services](http://www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals), www.uscis.gov/childhoodarrivals

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