



Frequently Asked Questions Deferred Action for Parental Accountability

What is DAPA?

DAPA is a new program that was announced by President Obama November 20, 2014. Under DAPA, the undocumented parents of U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident children, who have lived in the U.S. for 5 years or more, can apply for work authorization valid for 3 years. Over 4.1 million people are potential eligible.

Who's eligible?

To qualify for DAPA a person must:

- Have been unlawfully present in the U.S. on November 20, 2014;
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. since before January 1, 2010;
- Have a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident child who was born on or before November 20, 2014;
- Have not been convicted (as an adult) of a felony, significant misdemeanor, more than two other misdemeanors, and don't otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety;
- Pass a background check
- Pay the \$465 application fee

When can someone apply for DAPA?

For now, expected sometime in May 2015.

What about the Texas court case-did that stop DAPA?

Texas District Court Judge Andrew Hanen temporarily stopped the implementation of the immigration programs-Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) and the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)-announced by President Obama on Nov. 20, 2014. However, the decision is just temporary. The Obama administration has already asked for an emergency stay of the injunction.

DAPA & expanded DACA will likely be implemented in the future, but the dates may be delayed beyond the ones originally announced. Legal scholars around the country are confident that the Department of Homeland Security has the constitutional and legal authority to carry out these programs. A higher court will likely rule that this lawsuit does not have merit.

Do I have to show I've filed all my taxes?

No! Individuals who receive employment authorization through DAPA will have to file their taxes going forward, but will not have to show they filed taxes in the past.