

President Obama's New Immigration Policy: Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA)

On November 20, 2014, President Obama introduced a new immigration policy called DAPA (Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents) that benefits some undocumented immigrant parents. **If you meet the requirements below you MAY be eligible for DAPA.**

NOTE: Due to a recent federal Texas court decision, DAPA has been temporarily delayed, and you cannot apply at this time. This is not a permanent decision. We recommend you continue to prepare to apply for DAPA as soon as it becomes available.

REQUIREMENTS FOR DAPA

	<p><input type="checkbox"/> You have a son or daughter who is a U.S. citizen or has a green card and your son or daughter was born on or before November 20, 2014.</p>																																																	
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> You've lived in the United States since before January 1, 2010.</p>																																																	
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- You have not committed certain criminal offenses or have certain immigration history.

(Not all criminal offenses or immigration history will disqualify you from DAPA. It depends on the offense or violation. The most important thing is to get a copy of your records and get good legal advice from an experienced legal representative before you apply.)

Benefits:

- A work permit
- Deferred action (protection from deportation)
- A Social Security Number
- Ability to apply for a driver's license/state ID

What can you do now?

Gather documents to help show your eligibility and save money to pay the \$465 filing fee.

- Identity:** You will need a photo identification.
 - For example: birth certificate and a photo identification (ID), passport, school or military ID, identification document from your country of origin like a *Matricula Consular*, or any U.S. document with your name and photo, like a Driver's License or State ID.
- Proof of relationship to a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card holder) son or daughter**
 - For example: birth certificate of a son or daughter.
- Proof that your son or daughter is a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card holder)**
 - For example: son or daughter's U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, lawful permanent resident card (green card), etc.
- Proof that you have lived in the U.S. since before January 1, 2010:** Find documents that have your name and the date to help prove that you have been in the U.S. since before January 1, 2010.
 - For example: phone records, medical records, employment records, school records, religious or community organization records, insurance policies, tax records, bank receipts, financial records, credit card receipts, money order receipts, rental agreements, deeds, mortgages, utility bills, club membership, government or military records, etc.
- Proof that you were physically present in the U.S. on November 20, 2014**
 - For example: phone records, bank receipts, credit card receipts, medical records, work records, photographs, bus, train, or airplane receipts with your name, or other documents. Note: If you cannot find any proof for November 20, 2014, look for proof that you were in the United States sometime in November 2014 or as close to November 20, 2014, as possible.
- Application Fee:** Start saving money for the \$465 application fee. Also, it is best to try to save money in case you need to hire an attorney.
- Criminal Records:** If you have had contact with the police, get a copy of court documents, citations, or other paperwork and talk to an experienced legal representative before you apply.
- Record Keeping:** Record all of this information in a notebook or a file folder, keep the original documents, and store them in a safe place.