

## Preparing for Deferred Action: Absences from the United States

To help you prepare to apply for deferred action, it is useful for legal services providers to know if you have ever left the United States since you first entered the country. On this paper, please list all the times (if any) that you left the United States and returned. Include the date(s) you left and returned (exact dates are best, but approximate dates, such as month and year or just the year are also helpful). Also, include how you entered the U.S. when you returned (e.g. with a visa, border crossing card, unlawfully, etc.), the U.S. location where you entered when you returned, as well as the reason for your absence (e.g. left to visit an ill relative or left due to deportation). Begin with your most recent absence and work back to your first entry to the U.S.

**Example:**      Date left U.S. (month/day/year or month/year or year): 01/13/2011  
                         Date returned to U.S.: 02/2011  
                         Reason for absence: Left to Mexico to visit ill grandmother  
                         Manner of entry when returned (e.g. with a visa, border crossing card, unlawfully):  
                         When I returned to the U.S. I crossed the border without a visa or other legal document  
                         Location of entry when returned: San Ysidro, California

**1)**      Date left U.S.:  
            Date returned to U.S.:  
            Reason for absence:  
            Manner of entry when returned:  
            Location of entry when returned:

**2)**      Date left U.S.:  
            Date returned to U.S.:  
            Reason for absence:  
            Manner of entry when returned:  
            Location of entry when returned:

**3)**      Date left U.S.:  
            Date returned to U.S.:  
            Reason for absence:  
            Manner of entry when returned:  
            Location of entry when returned:

**4)** Date left U.S.:  
Date returned to U.S.:  
Reason for absence:  
Manner of entry when returned:  
Location of entry when returned:

**5)** Date left U.S.:  
Date returned to U.S.:  
Reason for absence:  
Manner of entry when returned:  
Location of entry when returned:

**6)** Date left U.S.:  
Date returned to U.S.:  
Reason for absence:  
Manner of entry when returned:  
Location of entry when returned:

**7)** Date left U.S.:  
Date returned to U.S.:  
Reason for absence:  
Manner of entry when returned:  
Location of entry when returned:

**8)** Date left U.S.:  
Date returned to U.S.:  
Reason for absence:  
Manner of entry when returned:  
Location of entry when returned: