

DACA Renewal Update (July 2018)

Immigration Legal Services is currently able to assist clients with DACA renewal applications due to Federal Court orders issued on January 13, 2018 and February 14, 2018. At this time, the Federal Court orders do not allow for requestors who have never previously had DACA to apply.

If you previously received DACA and your DACA expired on or after September 5, 2016 you may still file your DACA request as a renewal. Clients whose DACA expired prior to September 5, 2016 or whose DACA status was terminated at any time may not request DACA as a renewal, but may still file as a new initial application.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) currently advises DACA recipients to file their renewals 150 days prior to the next expiration date. Although it is possible to file earlier than 150 days, there may be risks involved in the application being delayed or rejected.

If you have been arrested or convicted of any felonies or misdemeanors, please be sure to consult with an immigration attorney. Filing a DACA renewal under these circumstances may trigger serious immigration consequences.

Currently, the Immigration Legal Services office ([213 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503](#)) is providing DACA renewal services only on Tuesday mornings each week beginning at 8:45 a.m. No appointment is required, but we do have limitations on household income. If you would like our help, please bring the following items with you on the next Tuesday morning:

- Proof of income at or below 200% of the poverty guidelines, such as 2017 Income Tax Returns and/or current check stubs for everyone in the household
- \$40 for the consultation (cash or money order)
- \$150 for representation on the DACA renewal (cash or money order)
- Money Order for \$495.00 for the government fee
- Passport (if any)
- If you did not complete your initial DACA application in our office, a copy of your initial DACA application, if available
- Two (2) passport-type photos
- Any advance parole document and your dates of travel
- Police report(s) and certified court documents (if any since previous application)
- A list of previous address if have moved since your last application.
- If you have ever had a police encounter, even one that has already been disclosed, you should bring two letters of recommendation from trusted and respected adults who know you well. Although this is not a strict requirement, it is highly recommended in today's atmosphere.

If you have any additional questions, please call our office, 616-551-4746.