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DACA Renewals at Immigration Legal Services

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When can I renew my DACA and work permit?

*You may file to renew your DACA up to 150 days in advance. Given that the legal situation regarding DACA is so unpredictable, if you **do** plan on trying to renew your DACA, we recommend filing as soon as possible. You can even submit your renewal up to one year late.*

How much do you charge?

Immigration Legal Services charges \$40 for consultations, and \$180 for representation on the DACA renewals, for a total of \$220.

How long does it take to prepare everything?

If you email us the following items in advance, we can usually complete everything in an hour. How long the signing and compiling of the package takes will depend on many factors, but we can usually have things ready to mail out the next day if everyone does their part.

Items to provide in advance:

- *Income Information. (ILS only serves people with low income.) Usually this will mean your last year's tax return.*
- *Your current work permit, front and back*
- *Your state ID/license (front and back)*
- *Passport page with your name and photograph*
- *If you did not complete your initial DACA or prior renewal applications in our office, a copy of your prior applications, if available*
- *You have the option of either emailing a digital passport photo which we will print out in the office for \$10, or getting traditional passport photos done.*
- *If you have travelled since your initial application, copy of your advance parole document*
- *If you have been arrested since your **initial application**, police report and certified court documents*

*After everything is completed, we will email forms to you for review. We recommend that you print out the signature pages, sign and date them, and **return them in person to our office with:***

- *The retainer agreement, signed.*
- *Money order for \$495.00 made out to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security*
- *Money order for Service fee of \$220.00; if you would like to pay with a credit card, we will call you to process a payment before mailing the package to USCIS*

Will I have to have my fingerprints taken again?

Maybe. Recently USCIS has been using previously taken biometrics due to COVID-19. They may send you an appointment; they may not.

How long will it take to get my new work permit?

USCIS states that their normal processing time for DACA renewals is 5-7 months. However, we see the vast majority of DACA renewals processed in less than 4 months.

Can I work if my work permit expires before I get my new one?

You will no longer be authorized to work if your work permit expires.