On 7/28/2020 the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a new memorandum stating that it will: 1) Reject initial DACA applications; 2) Reject Advance Parole applications*; 3) Reduce the length of future DACA renewal grants to 1 year.


What does this mean to you?

**I am a current DACA Recipient**

- I applied for Renewal and my Renewal application is still pending...
- I am considering renewing my DACA...
- I want to apply for Advance Parole...
- I recently renewed my DACA...

**I am NOT a DACA recipient yet, BUT I want to apply for DACA for the first time...**

- If your DACA gets approved in the coming days/weeks while the 7/28/2020 memo is being implemented, it is likely that you may receive an EAD card (work permit) that is valid for only 1 year.
- If the 7/28/2020 memo is successfully challenged and blocked from implementation BEFORE your DACA Renewal application is approved, you may receive a regular 2-year EAD card (work permit). We cannot predict at this time what will happen in every individual case.

**If you already renewed your DACA and received your 2-year DACA Approval Notice + Employment Authorization Document (EAD or work permit), then the 7/28/2020 memo does not affect you at this time.**

**If you have urgent circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact your campus attorney before the 5 month mark.**

Although the 6/18/2020 Supreme Court decision and the federal court order on 7/17/2020 indicated that current DACA recipients would be eligible to apply for Advance Parole again, the 7/28/2020 memo has taken that opportunity away again. So you can NOT apply for Advance Parole at this time, "absent exceptional circumstances."

We recommend, at this time, not to renew your DACA again until you are within 5 months of the expiration date.

**HOWEVER, this advice can change as court challenges continue - please stay informed and up to date!**

* *DHS will process advance parole applications ONLY if you present *exceptional circumstances.* It is no longer sufficient to present humanitarian, educational, or business needs to qualify for advance parole as a DACA recipient.*

**On 8/24/2020, USCIS provided examples of limited circumstances where Advance Parole may be granted. If you have an urgent need to travel and believe you would qualify, please talk to your campus attorney.**

Please discuss with your campus attorney if you believe you are eligible for DACA as we will continue to support applicants in preparing initial DACA applications even if they cannot be submitted at this time.

For more information, visit [https://law.ucdavis.edu/ucimm/](https://law.ucdavis.edu/ucimm/)