

DACA: UPDATE AFTER SUPREME COURT HEARING

On November 12, 2019, the Supreme Court heard arguments over whether the Trump administration acted properly when it terminated Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), an Obama-era program that provided eligible undocumented individuals who entered the US as children with relief from deportation and work authorization in two-year intervals.

Below are the [top 5 pieces](#) of information to know about the current status of DACA:



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The Supreme Court will likely release a decision **regarding DACA's future by June 2020**. If this decision holds that the Trump administration acted properly when it terminated DACA, this could mean the end of the DACA program. This decision will directly impact 3,000 DACA-eligible individuals in Rhode Island.



DACA renewals are still open.

Although DACA has been tied up in the courts since 2017, nationwide injunctions have allowed for all current DACA recipients to continue submitting renewal applications. **Currently, any individual who has, or who previously had, DACA can submit a renewal application.** However, individuals cannot submit an application for DACA for the first time.



DACA recipients should renew as soon as possible.

Currently, **legal experts and advocates are suggesting that eligible DACA recipients renew their status as soon as possible**, as there is serious potential that after the Court issues its ruling, no DACA renewals will be available.



DACA filing fees are likely to increase in the near future.

The filing fee for DACA renewals is expected to **increase from \$495 to \$765** in the near future. Depending on the Supreme Court's decision, there could be a risk that renewal applications will be denied and filing fees will not be returned.



Local resources can help.

The following organizations in Rhode Island offer consultations and DACA renewal services: [Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island](#) (401-461-5940), [Progress Latino](#) (401-728-5920), and the [Diocese of Providence](#) (401-421-7833).