



# DACA

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. What is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and who qualifies?**

A. According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov), “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals” allows certain individuals, who meet specific guidelines, to request consideration of deferred action from USCIS. Individuals who receive deferred action will not be placed into removal proceedings or removed from the United States for a specified period of time unless terminated. If you receive deferred action, you may be eligible for employment authorization. You may request deferred action for childhood arrivals if you meet the following guidelines:

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Entered without inspection before June 15, 2012, or your lawful immigration status expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a general education development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

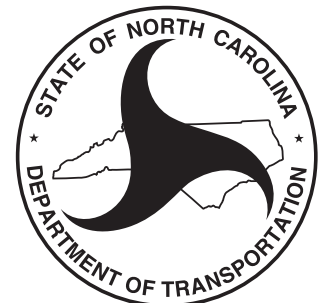
Individuals can call USCIS at **1-800-375-5283** with questions or to request more information on the deferred action for childhood arrivals process or visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

**Q. What will happen to the driver licenses of those 13 immigrants whose licenses were cancelled earlier this month?**

A. If the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) finds that their licenses were issued in accordance with the law, their licenses will be reinstated.

**Q. What should they do to have their licenses reinstated?**

A. They should call NCDMV at (919) 861-3011.



**Q. How should DACA applicants prepare to obtain their North Carolina driver license/ID card?**

A. They should make certain they have the required documents when they go to the driver license office. These include:

1. Proof of age and identity (two forms)
2. Proof of Social Security
3. Proof of residency
4. Proof of liability insurance
5. Under DACA, they must also present proof of lawful status in the U.S.

Applicants should call the driver license office or the NCDMV at (919) 861-3011 prior to their visit to make sure they have the required documents.

**Q. How long will DACA applicants' driver licenses be valid?**

A. DACA applicants will be issued a driver license valid according to their lawful presence document.

**Q. Will the license look different?**

A. The license will carry a designation on its face that clearly denotes the limited duration of the license.

**Q. Are these applicants mandated to provide proof of insurance?**

A. Yes, this is already required by law.

**Q. Is NCDMV notified if the insurance expires?**

A. Yes, insurance companies are required to report insurance lapses to NCDMV.

**Q. Does North Carolina require background checks or fingerprinting as part of driver license issuance?**

A. No, North Carolina law does not require this. However, DACA-approved applicants have been required to present extensive documentation to the federal government as part of their application to the DACA program.

**Q. Should DACA participants be afraid to answer questions about their citizenship or other questions posed by NCDMV?**

A. No, NCDMV will not ask any questions of DACA participants that it does not also ask of any other applicant for a North Carolina driver license.