



# DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY (DAPA)

On November 20, 2014, the President of the United States outlined several areas in which the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will take action to increase border security, focus enforcement resources, and ensure accountability in our immigration system.

Pursuant to this announcement, the DHS Secretary:

1) revised DHS’s civil immigration enforcement priorities; and 2) extended availability of Deferred Action for Parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (DAPA).


## 1. Revised Enforcement Priorities

- ◆ **Priority 1:** Aliens who pose a national security threat, have been convicted of a felony or aggravated felony, convicted of a criminal street gang offense or intentionally participated in gang activity, or were apprehended attempting to unlawfully enter.
- ◆ **Priority 2:** Aliens convicted of three or more misdemeanors or a significant misdemeanor, who illegally entered after January 1, 2014, or significantly abused the visa or visa waiver programs.
- ◆ **Priority 3:** Aliens issued a final order of removal on or after January 1, 2014.

## 2. Extended Availability of Deferred Action for Parents who:

- ◆ Have, on November 20, 2014, a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident son or daughter;
- ◆ Continuously resided in the United States since before January 1, 2010;
- ◆ Were physically present and had no lawful immigration status on November 20, 2014, and at the time of the deferred action request;
- ◆ Are not an enforcement priority; and
- ◆ Present no factors that make deferred action inappropriate.

Although U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is not yet accepting applications under the expansion of Deferred Action for parents, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will review the cases of detained individuals to determine if they may be eligible to seek deferred action.

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Currently <b><u>detained and in removal proceedings</u></b> before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR).	<p>If you would like your EOIR proceedings administratively closed, you or your attorney should contact the ICE Office of Chief Counsel that is handling your case before EOIR. Office contact information is available on the ICE website at: <a href="http://www.ice.gov/contact/legal">http://www.ice.gov/contact/legal</a>.</p> <p>You should provide your full name, alien registration number (A-number), and the status of your case, and may also include the reasons you believe you are eligible to seek deferred action.</p>
Currently <b><u>detained with a final order of removal</u></b> .	<p>ICE is actively reviewing detained cases for potential deferred action eligibility, but you should contact your Deportation Officer, if you believe you may be eligible.</p> <p>You may also call the ICE ERO Detention Reporting and Information Line (DRIL), toll-free, at <b>1-888-351-4024</b> to make your request. The DRIL is operational M-F 8am – 8pm EST, and English and Spanish operators are available.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: space-between;"> <span data-bbox="553 1730 646 1755"><b>9116#</b></span>  <span data-bbox="857 1730 1308 1755"><b>*Detention Pro Bono Access Code</b></span> </div>

## Additional Information

You may need to provide information to prove that you meet the requirements listed above.



Nothing in this notice should be construed to prohibit the apprehension, detention, or removal of any alien unlawfully in the United States or to limit the legal authority of DHS or any of its personnel to enforce federal immigration law.