



	DACA	DREAM Act (S.1615)
Age at Entry	Under 16	Under 18
Upper Age Limit	36 (under 31 on June 15, 2012)	None
Continuous Presence Requirement	5 years (since June 15, 2012)	4 years prior to enactment
Criminal/immigration Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony; • Significant misdemeanor (domestic violence, sexual abuse/exploitation, burglary, unlawful possession or use of a firearm, drug distribution/trafficking, DUI, or a sentence of 90 days in custody); or • 3 or more misdemeanors occurring on separate dates from separate acts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony (excluding State immigration-related offenses); • 3 or more misdemeanors occurring on separate dates from separate acts (excluding State immigration-related offenses) and imprisonment of an aggregate 90 days or more; • Inadmissible for criminality*, national security risk, smuggling*, student visa abuse*, permanent ineligibility for citizenship (draft evaders), polygamy, international child abduction, or unlawful voting*; or • Ordered, incited, assisted, or participated in persecution. <p><i>*Waivable for humanitarian purposes, family unity, or public interest</i></p>

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Path to Citizenship	No , but 39,514 have received legal permanent residence through advance parole, and 1,056 have received citizenship.	Yes . Recipients are given conditional permanent residence for an extendable period of 8 years. The condition is removed upon completion of at least 2 years of a bachelor's degree*, 2 years of the armed forces (if discharged, honorably)*, or employment for 3 years for at least 75% of the time of valid employment authorization*. Further, the condition may not be removed without demonstrating the English and history proficiency required of citizenship under current law. The amount of time in conditional LPR status counts towards the 5-year LPR requirement to naturalize. DACA recipients immediately receive legal permanent residence. <i>*Waivable for hardship</i>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently in high school; ● Graduated high school; ● GED; or ● Honorable discharge from the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the U.S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Admitted to an institution of higher education; ● Graduated high school; ● GED; or ● Enrolled in secondary school or an education program assisting students in- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Obtaining a high school diploma; or ○ Passing a GED exam, high school diploma exam, or other similar state-authorized exam.

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Documentation Required	“Verifiable documentation.” An extensive list is included, but “any other document [the alien believes] is relevant” is considered.	An extensive list is included, but there is no requirement that the documentation be verifiable.
Confidentiality	USCIS will not refer cases to ICE for removal proceedings absent criminal offenses, fraud, or a threat to national security or public safety, except where DHS determines there are exceptional circumstances.	<p>No disclosure of any information provided in an application may be used for immigration enforcement, including referrals of individuals with conditional permanent residence.</p> <p>Exceptions: For assistance in considering an application for conditional LPR status, to identify and prevent fraud, for national security purposes, or for the investigation or prosecution for any felony <i>unrelated to immigration status</i>.</p> <p>Penalty: Up to \$10,000</p>

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Population Potentially Eligible for Amnesty	723,000 (690,000 approved, 33,000 pending, no new applications accepted)	3,338,000 <i>Migration Policy Institute</i> http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/protecting-dream-potential-impact-different-legislative-scenarios-unauthorized-youth
Chain Migration Impact* <i>*Up to 4.2 relatives per amnestied alien</i> <i>Yu Bin. Chain Migration Explained: The power of the immigration multiplier. LFP Scholarly Publishing; New York: 2008</i>	3,037,000 (DACA aliens are not currently eligible for green cards, and therefore cannot sponsor family members, unless they are given legislative amnesty)	14,020,000
Total Potential Numerical Impact (Amnestied Population Plus Chain Migration)	3,760,000	17,358,000