

# A SECOND UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF DACA

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## USCIS ENACTS GUIDANCE THAT IMPLEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY MEMORANDUM

USCIS published guidance on the recent Department of Homeland Security memorandum, explained in last month's newsletter. USCIS will reject and return application fees for any DACA application from an applicant who has never held DACA previously. Any DACA and Employment Authorization applications filed after July 28, 2020 will only be renewed for one (1) year. USCIS will continue to accept applications to renew DACA,

but will reject any applications received more than 150 days prior to the expiration of the current DACA period.

Pending applications for Advance Parole will be rejected. Applications for Advance Parole will only be accepted if exceptional circumstances exist. USCIS provided several examples of travel that would be considered exceptional circumstances: Travel to support the national security

interests of the US (including US military interests), travel in furtherance of US federal law enforcement interests, travel to obtain life-sustaining medical treatment that is not otherwise available to the applicant in the US, travel needed to support the immediate safety, well-being or care of an immediate relative, particular minor children of the applicant.

\*Please note the Trump Administration's actions outlined above are contrary to the Supreme Court's decision in *Department of Homeland Security v. Regents of the University of California*. We anticipate litigation challenging the legality of USCIS' actions will be filed.

## USCIS FEES TO CHANGE OCTOBER 2, 2020

The majority of application fees will increase, while some fees will remain the same or will decrease slightly.

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## INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR FAMILY'S IMMIGRATION STORY?

We recently learned of an opportunity for clients who would like to share the impact of immigration policy on their family. New American Economy is a national nonprofit and bipartisan immigration research and advocacy organization. It is seeking Ohio residents who would like to publish opinion

pieces or short essays on how immigration policy will impact their families and communities in the future.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Attorney Cynthia ([Cynthia@flechalaw.com](mailto:Cynthia@flechalaw.com)) and she will provide further information.

## ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP?

Test Yourself!

Here is a Naturalization Exam Question – try your best guess and we will reveal the answer in next month's newsletter.

Why does the United States Flag have 50 stars?