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Mayor's Office of
NEW BOSTONIANS
Martin J. Walsh, Mayor



President Obama's Announcement on Immigration¹

Recent changes will:

- Protect about 65,000 undocumented people in Massachusetts from deportation, and
- Allow those who qualify to receive a work permit and a driver's license.
- The application will have to be renewed every three years.
- This will not lead to a green card or citizenship; Congress must vote to change immigration laws to allow for a path to citizenship.
- **At this time, no applications are available for the new forms of relief. Please be careful of scams.**
 - "Notarios," notary publics, immigration consultants and businesses cannot give you immigration legal advice. In many other countries, the word "notario" means that the individual is an attorney, but that is not true in the United States. If you need help with immigration issues, be very careful before paying money to anyone who is neither an attorney nor a BIA-accredited representative of a recognized organization.²
- When the applications are available, the City of Boston will be working with our community partners to organize free or low cost application clinics to identify who can qualify and to help to fill out paperwork.
- If you have questions, the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians offers an immigration clinic with free legal help with volunteer attorneys the first and third Wednesday of every month from 12pm – 2pm at Boston City Hall.
- To view the calendar for information forums in Boston and for more detailed information about these immigration changes, go to www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians/ or call the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians at 617-635-4141.

¹ <http://www.uscis.gov/immigrationaction>

² <http://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/find-legal-services>

DEFERRED ACTION FOR PARENTS OF US CITIZENS AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS (DAPA)³

To qualify you must:

- Be the parent of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident, (LPR/"green card holder,") on November 20, 2014;
- Have lived in the U.S. since January 1, 2010;
- Be here in the U.S. on November 20, 2014;
- Have no lawful immigration status in the U.S. on November 20, 2014 (undocumented); **and**
- Pass a criminal background check.

To prepare:

YOU CANNOT APPLY YET. Applications will be available by May 19, 2015.

1. Save money for application fees (at least \$465)
2. Collect documents to show you qualify
 - Proof of identity
 - Documents showing relationship with U.S. citizen or LPR son or daughter
 - Proof that you have lived in the United States since January 1, 2010
 - Presence in the United States on November 20, 2014
3. Criminal History
 - Gather any criminal records that you have
 - Contact a licensed lawyer or BIA accredited representative with any questions or concerns

DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)

To qualify you must:

- Show that you have lived in the country since January 1, 2010;
- Be under 16 years of age when you entered the United States;
- Have graduated from high school, or have obtained a GED certificate, or be an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States, or are currently in school;
- Have not been convicted of any serious crimes; **and**
- Be at least fifteen years old on the date you apply.

To prepare:

YOU CANNOT APPLY YET. Applications will be available no later than February 18, 2015.

1. Save money for application fees (\$465)
2. Collect Documents to show you qualify
 - Proof of identity
 - Proof of education or military service
 - Proof that you have lived in the United States since January 1, 2010
 - Presence in the United States on November 20, 2014
3. Criminal History
 - Gather any criminal records that you have
 - Contact a licensed lawyer or BIA accredited representative with any questions or concerns

³ <http://www.AdminRelief.org>