



Homeland Security

Notice: Potential Availability of Deferred Action

On November 20, 2014, Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson issued new policies which allow certain aliens who arrived in the United States on or before January 1, 2010 to apply for deferred action, a form of prosecutorial discretion under which aliens are not removed from the United States and that authorizes them to seek permission to work lawfully in the United States. The Secretary's policies apply to certain individuals who came to the United States as children under the age of 16 or who are parents of U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident children.

You may obtain more information on the deferred action process, including information on when U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin accepting requests for deferred action under the Secretary's new policy, by visiting USCIS's website at <http://www.uscis.gov/immigrationaction>. You may also contact the USCIS hotline at 1-800-375-5283, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with questions or to request more information on the new process. The hotline offers assistance in English and Spanish.

Deferred action requests are decided on a case-by-case basis. DHS cannot provide any assurance that all such requests will be granted. The use of prosecutorial discretion confers no substantive right, immigration status or pathway to citizenship. Only the Congress, acting through its legislative authority, can confer these rights.