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**DHS ANNOUNCES PROCESS FOR RENEWAL OF  
DEFERRED ACTION FOR CHILDHOOD ARRIVALS (DACA)**

Today, Secretary Johnson of the Department of Homeland Security announced that individuals previously approved for DACA may now apply to renew their DACA enrollment and employment authorization for an additional two years. Applicants are encouraged to submit their renewal applications within 120 days (four months) before their current period of deferred action expires.

Individuals previously granted Deferred Action will be eligible for renewal provided they continue to meet the initial criteria as set forth by President Obama in June 2012 and (1) have continuously resided in the U.S. since they submitted their most recent DACA request that was approved; (2) have not departed the U.S. on or after August 15, 2012 without advance permission from DHS; and (3) have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor or three or more misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.

As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor changes in the processes and procedures of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and will make updates available as appropriate via [our firm's website](#) and in future Immigration Updates.©