



Office of Diversity,
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On June 18, 2020, the Supreme Court ruled that the Department of Homeland Security cannot immediately end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The Court's ruling is narrow; the Court acknowledged that the administration has the right to rescind DACA, but it found that the Department of Homeland Security failed to rationalize its decision adequately as required by the Administrative Procedures Act. The Court ruled that the manner in which the Trump administration ended the DACA program was "arbitrary and capricious" and thus improper. The Supreme Court declined to rule on the merits of the DACA program itself.

Current DACA students may maintain their enrollment in the DACA program, keep their current work authorization, and renew DACA if required. It is unclear if the Supreme Court's order requires the Department of Homeland Security to accept new, first-time applications. However, because the Trump administration may choose to pursue other options for ending the DACA program, we advise potential first-time applicants to wait for further clarity from the federal agency responsible for adjudicating (approving or denying) DACA applications, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, as well as further information from immigration advocates.

The University of Wyoming College of Law will continue to update the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion DACA resources page as we learn more about the impact of the Supreme Court's decision. Please direct any questions regarding legal developments to Jamie Crawford, Robert J. Golten Law Fellow of International Human Rights, Center for International and Human Rights Law and Advocacy at jcrawf17@uwyo.edu.