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**BREAKING NEWS**

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### **BREAKING NEWS: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) ANNOUNCES DEFERRED ACTION FOR ELIGIBLE DREAMERS**

Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, announced today that the government will offer indefinite relief from deportation for young immigrants brought to the United States as minors who meet specific requirements. Young immigrants not in deportation proceedings will be eligible to apply for deferred action as well, if they meet the specific requirements. Individuals must meet the following requirements to be considered for deferred action:

- Entered the United States before age 16 and is not above the age of 30;
- Have continuously resided in the U.S. for 5 years as of June 15, 2012;
- Were physically present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012;
- Are currently in school, have graduated from high school or earned a GED, or be an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
- Have not been convicted of a serious crime or multiple minor crimes that pose a threat to the national security or public safety.

Those who meet the criteria will be qualified to obtain deferred action for two years, subject to renewal, and will be eligible to apply for work authorization.

If you have questions, please contact us at (303) 297-9171 or (719) 434-5660. You can also visit our websites at [immigrationissues.com](http://immigrationissues.com) or [businessimmigrationissues.com](http://businessimmigrationissues.com).

For information on the new policy visit the USCIS's website ([www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)), the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (USICE) website ([www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)), or the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) website ([www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov)).

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