



Social Security Number and Card — Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals

Am I eligible for a Social Security number (SSN) and card?

If U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approves your request for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), you may be eligible for a Social Security number (SSN) if USCIS approves your request for Employment Authorization.

How do I apply for a SSN?

USCIS and the Social Security Administration (SSA) have teamed up with a program called Enumeration Beyond Entry (EBE), which provides an easy way for people applying for Employment Authorization to apply for a SSN on the same application – without the need to visit a Social Security office.

Through the EBE program, you can apply for your SSN when you apply for your Employment Authorization card. On your application for Employment Authorization, simply complete the designated questions and indicate, in the space provided, that you want SSA to assign you an SSN. Once USCIS approves your application for Employment Authorization, they send SSA the information SSA needs to assign your SSN. Most people receive their Social Security cards about two-weeks later. SSA assigns the SSN and mails the Social Security cards to the address that you provide on the application. If you don't receive your card after two weeks, contact your nearest Social Security office.

How else can I apply?

If you did not apply for a SSN through EBE, you will need to visit your local Social Security office so you can complete and sign an application for a SSN. SSA must interview you in person and inspect your documents.

Once you have your (I-766) Employment Authorization card, you can contact your local office to schedule an appointment. To find your nearest Social Security office, please visit: www.ssa.gov/locator.

What documents do I need to bring to show Social Security?

You must bring documents proving your age, identity, immigration status, and Employment Authorization card (I-766).

Specifically, you must show us the originals or certified copies of two documents:

- Form I-766 Employment Authorization card (EAD, work permit).
- Your foreign birth certificate (if you have one or can get one within 10 business days). If you cannot, we may accept your:
 - Foreign passport.
 - U.S. military record.
 - Religious record showing age or date of birth.

If you do not have, or cannot get one of the above preferred papers within 10 business days, we may accept your:

- U.S. driver's license.
- U.S. state-issued identification card.
- School record (issued five or more years ago) showing age or date of birth.

Please note: While you may have shown USCIS photocopies of the above papers, you must bring to Social Security either originals or copies certified by the agency that issued them. **We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies.** We must independently verify the documentation you show us.

If you are not eligible for Employment Authorization, contact SSA if you are required to have a SSN to receive a benefit.

Contacting Social Security

For more information, visit www.ssa.gov or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213** (for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**).