

How to Prepare for Changes in the Presidential Administration

The new administration is expected to make significant changes to current immigration policy. The details of what President-elect Trump will actually do on immigration are unknown. Until Jan. 19, 2017, current Obama administration immigration policies will remain in place.

What can you do to prepare?

- Beware of immigration scams and notarios! Get information and assistance from a qualified immigration legal service provider. Visit www.cliniclegal.org/directory to locate an organization near you. More information about avoiding notarios can be found at: www.cliniclegal.org/notario.
- Apply for citizenship! If you are a lawful permanent resident and currently eligible for naturalization, we encourage you to apply. If you have pending relative petitions, check with a legal adviser first. Note: the fees for naturalization will increase on Dec. 23, 2016.
- Get screened! You may be eligible for relief from deportation. Call your local CLINIC affiliate to find out about screening.

What if you have DACA?

If you or a family member currently holds Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, known as DACA, here's what you should know:

- During his campaign, Trump said he would end DACA. Right now, we are not sure if and when that would happen. We do know that DACA is in place at least until Jan. 19.
- You should immediately seek guidance from a qualified legal services provider if:
 - › You are considering an initial DACA application
 - › You want to renew DACA
 - › You are planning travel outside of the U.S. with an Advance Parole approval

Do you know your rights?

Know your rights about interacting with immigration agents.

- Do not open the door to immigration agents or police unless they have a legal document with your name on it. Ask them to slip it under the door before you admit them. Tell your children not to open the door.
- Remain silent. You do not have to answer their questions.
- Do not sign anything and ask to speak with an attorney or legal representative.
- Find more detailed explanations of your rights here:
 - › English: www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.543575-Know_Your_Rights_English
 - › Spanish: www.adminrelief.org/resources/item.543576-Know_Your_Rights_Spanish

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