

definitions at a glance

DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals: DACA provides a kind of administrative relief from deportation for a certain period of time for youth who immigrated to the U.S. before the age of 16.

TPS

Temporary Protected Status: provided to nationals of specifically designated countries that are confronting an ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions.

U-Visa

The U nonimmigrant status (U visa) is set aside for victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and are helpful to law enforcement or government officials in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.

Asylum

The legal protection granted to people fleeing violence and persecution in their home countries.

Permanent Residency

Person's legal resident status in a country or territory of which such person is not a citizen but where they have the right to reside on a permanent basis.

Naturalized Citizen

The process to become a U.S. citizen if you were born outside of the United States. If you meet certain requirements, you may become a U.S. citizen either at birth or after birth.

For DACA, you must have arrived to the US before June 15, 2012 and that this status must be renewed every 2 years