



Social Security Number and Card — Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals

Am I eligible for a Social Security number and card?

If the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) approves your request for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and your application to work in the United States, you may be eligible for a Social Security number. After you get your (I-766) Employment Authorization Document, you can apply for a Social Security number.

How do I apply for a Social Security number?

Social Security must interview you in person so you can complete and sign your application. Call your local office, which you can find online at www.socialsecurity.gov/locator. You must bring papers proving you have permission to work in the United States, your immigration status, age and identity.

You Must Show Social Security

You must show us the originals or certified copies of two documents:

1. Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD, Work Authorization Card), and
2. 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; or
 - 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; or

- 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 Social Security 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.

Contacting Social Security

The most convenient way to contact us anytime, anywhere is to visit www.socialsecurity.gov. There, you can: apply for benefits; open a *my* Social Security account, which you can use to review your *Social Security Statement*, verify your earnings, print a benefit verification letter, change your direct deposit information, request a replacement Medicare card, and get a replacement SSA-1099/1042S; obtain valuable information; find publications; get answers to frequently asked questions; and much more.

If you don't have access to the internet, we offer many automated services by telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213** or at our TTY number, **1-800-325-0778**, if you're deaf or hard of hearing.

If you need to speak to a person, we can answer your calls from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. We ask for your patience during busy periods since you may experience a higher than usual rate of busy signals and longer hold times to speak to us. We look forward to serving you.



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