



Documenting Continuous Residence for DACA Applications

DACA applicants must submit documents demonstrating that they have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007 through the present. Use the table below to help organize your supporting evidence and determine whether there are any gaps in evidence that must be addressed.

We encourage applicants to include some documentation for every three-month period. For gaps in evidence that are longer than three months, consider including at least two affidavits from people who have firsthand knowledge that the applicant resided in the United States for the specific period.

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Gathering Evidence

USCIS has provided non-exhaustive examples of documentation that may be used to demonstrate continuous residence. These include: rent receipts or utility bills; employment records; school records; military records; official records from a religious entity confirming participation in a religious ceremony; copies of money order receipts for money sent in or out of the country; passport entries; birth certificates of children born in the United States; dated bank transactions; automobile license receipts or registration; deeds; mortgages; rental agreement contracts; tax receipts; and insurance policies.

For many applicants, particularly those who are not currently in school, it is challenging to gather evidence that dates back more than 13 years. Think creatively about what documentation might exist to show that your client has resided in the United States. Reviewing major events in a client's past may help generate ideas for evidence. Consider the following:

Major life events:

Examples: Named in the program of a baptism or wedding; received bills, Christmas cards, invitations, etc. addressed to a U.S. address.

Informal employment:

Examples: Letter from a neighbor for whom the applicant worked as a babysitter or performed yard work, housecleaning, etc.

Major purchases:

Examples: A bill of sale from purchasing a car or dated receipts of purchases made in the U.S. containing the applicant's name or other identifying information.

Subscriptions/Memberships in organizations/Leisure activity:

Examples: Attended a regular soccer meetup; has a gym membership or library card; has past social media posts that indicate a time and location; has dated photos at U.S. landmarks

People who have direct knowledge of my residence in the United States:

Examples: Former neighbors; roommates; landlords; teachers; employers