

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

YOU RECEIVED DEFERRED ACTION WITH YOUR APPROVED FORM I-360.

Deferred Action protects you from being removed from the country by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE). Please follow these rules:

- Do **NOT** travel outside of the United States until you have your green card.
- A **criminal conviction** can affect your eligibility to apply for a green card in the future. If you are arrested for any reason, contact an immigration attorney immediately.

WORK PERMITS

YOU CAN APPLY FOR A WORK PERMIT WITH AN APPROVED FORM I-360 AND DEFERRED ACTION.

- People who have been granted Deferred Action by U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (USCIS) are eligible to apply for a work permit that will be valid for a period of four (4) years.



- Please contact NIJC, an immigration attorney, or an immigration legal services organization near you if you do not have an employment authorization document (EAD) and would like to apply for one.

IF I HAVE A WORK PERMIT AND DEFERRED ACTION (PROTECTION FROM REMOVAL), IS MY IMMIGRATION CASE OVER?

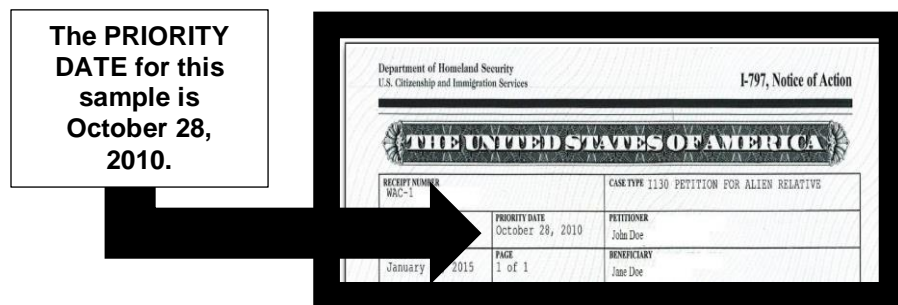
NO, YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE IS NOT OVER! PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

- People with an approved SIJ petition **must wait in line for a visa to become available before applying for lawful permanent residence (a green card).**
- Only 10,000 visas are issued each year – this means that even though you have an approved SIJS petition, you now must wait in a very long “line” for your visa to become available.
- It is currently taking people years to get to the front of “the line” and be able to apply for legal permanent residence (a green card).

STEP #1: FIND YOUR PRIORITY DATE

Luckily, you have been waiting in line for a visa since the day you applied for Special Immigrant Juvenile

Status. The date you started waiting in line is called your “PRIORITY DATE”. You will find your PRIORITY DATE listed on all notice documents that you have received from USCIS for your Form I-360 application.



Sample USCIS Receipt Notice with a “PRIORITY DATE”

STEP #2: COMPARE YOUR PRIORITY DATE TO THE VISA BULLETIN

- Go to the following website: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-law0/visa-bulletin.html> and click on the link below the label “Current Visa Bulletin” as shown below:

Click here!

The Visa Bulletin

Current Visa Bulletin

January 2024

Upcoming Visa Bulletin

February 2024

TIP: These dates change regularly, so check The Visa Bulletin every couple of months to compare it to your PRIORITY DATE!

- Scroll down to the chart labeled: “B. DATES FOR FILING OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISA APPLICATIONS”
- Go to the row labeled “4th” under the column labeled “Employment-based” and look to the box to the right as shown below:

This means “all other countries”. If you are NOT from China, India, Mexico or the Philippines, you will compare your PRIORITY DATE to the highlighted box in this column.

Employment-based	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
1st	C	01AUG22	01JUL19	C	C
2nd	01JAN23	01JAN20	15MAY12	01JAN23	01JAN23
3rd	01FEB23	01SEP20	01AUG12	01FEB23	01JAN23
Other Workers	15DEC20	01JUN17	01AUG12	15DEC20	15MAY20
4th	01MAR19	01MAR19	01MAR19	01MAR19	01MAR19

STEP #3: APPLY FOR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENCE (A GREEN CARD)

- When your PRIORITY DATE is before the date listed in the box shown above – you are ready to apply for legal permanent residence.
- Please reach out to NIJC at 312-660-1370 to schedule a legal consult about applying for legal permanent residence.
- If you do not live in an area that NIJC services, please contact an immigration attorney when you are ready to apply for legal permanent residence.