



A Quick Guide for Next Steps

Preparing for the End of Deferred Enforced Departure for Liberia

The Trump administration has announced a 12-month termination for Liberian Deferred Enforced Departure, or DED. The last day of DED for Liberia will be March 31, 2019. DED holders are protected from deportation typically until March 31, 2019. Although there is now a Court case challenging the termination of DED of Liberia, there is not an injunction in place at this time. This means that DED for Liberia will still end on March 31, 2019.

Can I maintain my work authorization until the last day of DED?

- Current Liberian DED holders may continue to receive work permits through March 31, 2019.
- Work permits that expire on March 31, 2018 are automatically extended for six months through Sept. 30, 2018. Consider showing employers a copy of the Federal Register Notice confirming this automatic extension.
- Current Liberian DED holders who wish to receive work permits through the entire DED termination period (through March 31, 2019), must file an Application for Employment Authorization (Form I-765) and pay the fee or request a fee waiver.
- USCIS has begun accepting applications for work permits. Current Liberian DED holders are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid gaps in employment authorization.
- DED holders are also encouraged to seek qualified legal assistance to help them in applying for work authorization.

What are my immigration options once DED is over?

- DED does not provide a pathway to getting a green card or U.S. citizenship. Consider speaking with a qualified legal service provider about your immigration options immediately.
- A list of qualified legal service providers can be found at [cliniclegal.org/directory](https://www.cliniclegal.org/directory)
- Always be cautious of fraud. Remember that all immigration forms are free and available on USCIS website. Never sign anything you do not understand, and if you sign something, keep a copy for your records. Always get help from an attorney or accredited representative. Learn how to spot scams here: [cliniclegal.org/resources/5-ways-avoid-immigration-scams](https://www.cliniclegal.org/resources/5-ways-avoid-immigration-scams)

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Steps you can take now to prepare

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Save money and make a plan. This will reduce stress and help you protect yourself and your family.

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Check to see if your city offers a municipal or city ID and apply. It may help you access local services after DED ends such as financial services, picking up prescriptions or registering children for school.

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Seek qualified assistance to make legal arrangements, such as guardianship and powers of attorney, to outline how your children and other dependents are to be cared for if you are absent.

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Speak to a legal representative to help you decide the best options for protecting your property (bank accounts, homes and other assets).

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Make an emergency plan. Get emergency planning guides at [cliniclegal.org/emergency-planning-for-immigrant-families](https://www.cliniclegal.org/emergency-planning-for-immigrant-families). Learn about protecting assets and child custody in the face of deportation at www.appleseednetwork.org/deportationmanual.

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Learn about your rights. Get Know Your Rights information at [cliniclegal.org/KYR](https://www.cliniclegal.org/KYR).

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Become an advocate. Tell Congress to pass a law that protects Liberian DED holders from deportation. Encourage your local police to ensure the safety of all residents, regardless of immigration status. Urge your elected officials to protect immigrants' access to basic benefits such as driver's licenses, state IDs, in-state tuition and professional licenses.

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