

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) – September 2021



Update: This week, lawyers representing TPS families in *Ramos v. Mayorkas* and the Biden administration agreed to a **15-month automatic extension** of TPS status, including work permits, for the following countries: El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, and Sudan until **December 31, 2022**. The administration has published the [Federal Register](#) notice.

Why is TPS being automatically extended for these countries?

In 2017 and 2018, the Trump administration tried to end TPS for these countries. But due to federal litigation, TPS has remained in place and automatic extensions have continued. This litigation is ongoing and has helped generate these extensions.

What does this redesignation of TPS for Haiti mean?

The Biden administration recently **redesignated** TPS for Haiti, but it *has yet* to announce any plans for the remaining countries. This redesignation enables current Haitian TPS holders to re-register for TPS during the registration period AND allows **initial first-time** applicants to apply for TPS if, among other eligibility requirements, the applicant can demonstrate they:

- Are a Haitian national (or someone without nationality who last resided in Haiti);
- Continuously resided in the United States since July 29, 2021; and
- Have been continuously physically present in the United States since August 03, 2021.

What does the automatic extension mean for TPS beneficiaries from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua and Sudan?

The renewal of TPS work authorization and legal status will be *automatic* for those registered—there is no need to pay for employment authorization cards or further registration.

How can a TPS beneficiary from these countries prove they have TPS?

TPS beneficiaries from these countries can rely on the [Federal Register](#) notice and their existing (expired) work authorization cards or other confirmation of status to prove their status. *Though not required*, a TPS beneficiary may obtain a new work permit valid through **December 31, 2022** by filing the Form I-765 and paying the associated fee.

What is the current status of TPS for the other countries?

The Department of Homeland Security has designated, re-designated and extended TPS for the following countries; Burma, Haiti, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. TPS applicants must apply during the country's respective registration period. For more information please take a look at our [TPS chart](#).

What can I do if I have more questions?

You should consult with a trusted immigration attorney or accredited representative to explore your options. Also come out to our weekly committee meetings to join us in fighting for pathways to citizenship for all.

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