

Extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Venezuela Re-registration Required

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<u>Update</u>: On September 8, 2022, TPS for Venezuelans was extended for 18 months (**September 10, 2022 - March 10, 2024**).

Can anyone from Venezuela register now for TPS?

No; TPS is only available to citizens of Venezuela or people who last resided in Venezuela if they were present in the U.S. as of March 8, 2021, met certain other requirements, and *already have or applied for TPS* as of September 9, 2022. In some limited circumstances, Venezuelans who were in the U.S. on March 8, 2021 but have not yet applied for TPS for the first time *may* be able to apply late. Speak to an attorney if you are considering applying late.

Who needs to re-register for TPS?

All current Venezuelan TPS holders now need to re-register. Venezuelans who have applied for TPS, by filing an initial TPS application (Form I-821) that remains pending as of September 8, 2022, *do NOT need to re-register.*

When should I re-register?

Now! To maintain TPS through the 18-month extension, current Venezuelan TPS holders must re-register during the **60-day re-registration period (September 8, 2022 - November 7, 2022)**. Failure to re-register during this time may result in the loss of your TPS.

What are the fees associated with re-registration?

- Current TPS holders do NOT need to pay a new fee to file Form I-821 during the re-registration period. But individuals 14 years old and older must submit a biometrics fee of \$85. Individuals unable to pay the biometrics fee may submit a request for a fee waiver.
- In order to apply for a new work authorization card, with validity through March 10, 2024, you must also file a Form I-765 and pay the \$410 fee for that form. This is not required to re-register but is advisable if you want a new work authorization card as soon as possible.

My employment authorization expired, now what?

Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) previously issued under the TPS designation of Venezuela have been **automatically extended through September 9, 2023**. You will not receive a new card unless you re-apply for one using the Form I-765. You may show your expired EAD and the Federal Register Notice to employers as proof of continued employment authorization until Sep. 9, 2023. Keep in mind that you must still re-register for TPS during the re-registration period.

If you wish to receive a new work authorization card with validity through March 10, 2024, you must file a new Application for Employment Authorization (Form I-765) and pay the \$410 application fee and \$85 biometrics fee (if over age 14) or request a fee waiver. This can be done with your re-registration or later, but keep in mind processing for new work permits so you may wish to file to renew as soon as possible.

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