



6-MONTH EXTENSION OF HAITIAN TPS QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS

On May 24, 2017, the Department of Homeland Security announced a 6-month extension of Haitian Temporary Protected Status (TPS), until **January 22, 2018**. That means that **more than 50,000 Haitians can apply for permission to continue working and living in the United States until January 22, 2018**. This decision is a victory for Haitians and all Americans – but it is not enough. The NYC Mayor’s Office, iAmerica, and Cities for Action will continue to partner with advocates and the Haitian community to fight for the extension of TPS beyond January 22, 2018.

If you have any questions about your eligibility for Haitian TPS or how to apply, it is important that you consult with a reputable, trustworthy, legal services provider. This document is for informational purposes only and should not be taken as legal advice. *For more information about your immigration options and to meet with an attorney, call 311 and say “ActionNYC.” Visit iAmerica.org/LegalHelp for an additional list of legal services providers by zip code.*

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How do I extend my TPS and work permit?

You should speak to an attorney to find out if you are eligible to extend your TPS and work permit to January 22, 2018. Individuals who are eligible for extension of Haitian TPS must re-register **through July 24, 2017**. To re-register, you must file two forms:

- **Form I-821** Application for Temporary Protected Status
- **Form I-765** Application for Employment Authorization

You must file **both** forms if you want to extend your work permit. Speak to an attorney for more information or for help completing your application.

How much does it cost to extend TPS and permission to work?

There is no fee to extend TPS, but there is a \$410 fee for work authorization and an additional \$85 fee for fingerprinting for TPS-holders 14 and older.

Can I have my fees waived?

Some people are eligible to receive a waiver of the fee requirement. Speak to an attorney to find out if you qualify for a fee waiver. For more information about fee waivers, go to the USCIS website: www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.

When can I file an application to extend my TPS and work permit?

Individuals who are eligible for extension of Haitian TPS must re-register between **May 24, 2017 and July 24, 2017. It is important to file these applications as soon as possible so you can have continued work authorization after July 22, 2017, which is when current work permits expire.**

Why do I need to file my TPS and work permit applications as soon as possible?

If you have a pending application and receipt notice you can use that as proof of employment authorization. It can take a few weeks to receive the receipt notice after you file your applications. It's important to file your TPS and work permit applications as soon as possible so that you receive your receipt notice back from USCIS before July 22, 2017, which is when current work permits expire.

Is there an automatic extension of permission to work if I don't get my work permit before July 22?

The automatic extension process is different for this TPS extension than it was for previous Haitian TPS extensions. In the past, the government automatically extended work permits for 6 months for eligible Haitian TPS-holders. Now, the government may automatically extend work permits for eligible Haitian TPS-holders only after you apply for work authorization and receive your receipt notice. **Once you receive your receipt notice, your permission to work is automatically extended until January 18, 2018.**

You can show your employer the receipt notice and your current work permit to prove that you are authorized to work until January 18, 2018.

Where can I find the information about the extension of TPS and work permission?

Visit USCIS's website for more information on Haitian TPS:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-haiti>.

What documents do I need to file with my TPS extension application?

To re-register for TPS, you must file Form I-821, Form I-765, and additional documents that demonstrate your identity and nationality, the date you entered the United States, and that you have been in the United States since June 23, 2011. Speak to an attorney for more information or for help completing your application.

Can I apply for other types of immigration status after I apply for my TPS extension?

This depends on your circumstances. You should speak to a trustworthy attorney to find out if you qualify for other immigration benefits. ***For free, safe, immigration help in your language, and in your community, call 311 and say "ActionNYC." Visit iAmerica.org/LegalHelp for an additional list of legal services providers by zip code.***

What will happen to my public benefits and my family members' benefits?

It depends. You should consult with the agency providing you with services to talk about how your immigration status affects what public benefits you can receive. Most New York City services are available to all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status. Some benefits may depend on your immigration status. If your immigration status changes, what benefits you receive may also change.

What New York City Services are available to me regardless of immigration status?

- IDNYC (free, government-issued identification card for all New York City residents)
- ActionNYC (free, safe, immigration legal services)
- Health services, including emergency services, primary care, and specialty care
- Family services, including education, after-school programs, and child care services
- Emergency food assistance and emergency shelter



For more resources for immigrant New Yorkers visit:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/city-services.page> or call 311



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