TPS Holders from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras and Nepal REMAIN IN STATUS

On November 1, 2019, Homeland Security (DHS) issued a notice extending work authorization through January 4, 2021 for TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal. This is a temporary extension of work authorization only. The Trump administration’s termination of TPS designation for these six countries remain blocked because of pending lawsuits, leaving the lives of more than 400,000 long-time residents in limbo.

Important information TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras and Nepal should know and do:

1. Automatic work authorization extended through January 4, 2021
TPS work authorization is automatically extended through January 4, 2021 for TPS holders from the six countries impacted by the TPS-related lawsuits—El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras and Nepal. For now, all individuals from the affected countries will remain in TPS status. This timing could change pending the outcome of the TPS-related lawsuits.

2. No need to apply for a work extension and no filing fee required
Current Salvadoran, Haitian, Nicaraguan, Sudanese, Honduran and Neapalese TPS holders do NOT need to pay a fee or file any application to maintain your TPS benefits through January 4, 2021. Provided your TPS status is current and you have properly re-registered for TPS during your countries’ re-registration period, you will automatically maintain permission to continue working in the U.S.

3. Carry proof of TPS status and be prepared to show certain documents if asked about your work permission
It’s important to keep proof that you have TPS status with you. If asked, you can show your employer a copy of your employment authorization card and a copy of the November 4, 2019 Federal Register Notice to prove you have permission to work through January 4, 2021. Download a copy of the Federal Register at iAmerica.org/tps

4. Talk to your union rep if you have one
If you belong to a union, talk to your union rep to help you with employer questions about work authorization.
5. Things could change
Depending on the outcome of the TPS-related lawsuits, the timing of the work authorization extension could change. If there is a negative decision in the TPS-related lawsuits, the government could end TPS in as little as six months for all of the countries except El Salvador. The U.S. reached an agreement with El Salvador that would protect Salvadorans for one year from the final date of any negative court decision. It is important to be prepared.

6. Find out if you qualify for another type of immigration status.
Many TPS holders have been in the U.S. for years and may be eligible for other types of immigration status and benefits. To see a partial list of possible immigration options use the checklist at iAmerica.org/TPS and then consult with a reputable immigration attorney or legal services organization. You can also use the online immi tool to find a path that’s right for you at iAmerica.org/immi.

Find reputable immigration attorneys and legal services organizations at iAmerica.org/legalhelp. Avoid scammers and notarios who claim to be able to help you.

8. Know Your Rights! You have rights under the U.S. Constitution
All people in the U.S. have certain rights under the U.S. Constitution. Visit the Know Your Rights section on iAmerica.org.

9. The fight is not over
While we welcome this short extension, it is not enough. What America needs is a permanent solution from deportation for all TPS holders, Liberians with DED and Dreamers who have legally lived and worked in this country for years, raising families and contributing to the U.S. economy.

10. Take action and make your voice heard!
Get your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers involved in the fight to protect immigrant families. Ask them to join you in calling your members of Congress to demand they protect people with TPS and support efforts to allow TPS holders to stay in the U.S. legally: 1-888-204-8353.

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.