



HAITIAN TPS UPDATE

On November 20, 2017, Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians. DHS stated that despite the fragile conditions in Haiti following the massive earthquake, a cholera epidemic and Hurricane Matthew, it was no longer necessary to protect 59,000 Haitian TPS holders. **Haitian TPS continues until July 22, 2019 if Haitian TPS holders re-register.**

This is a list of important things Haitians with TPS should know and do now:

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File your TPS re-registration by March 19, 2018

All current Haitian TPS holders must file a Form I-821 **by March 19, 2018** in order to extend their TPS status through **July 22, 2019**. You do not need to pay a filing fee for the TPS re-registration. You will have to include a fee for fingerprints if you are between ages 14-75.

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File your work authorization extension as soon as possible

Current Haitian TPS work authorization expires on **January 22, 2018**. In order to receive work permission through July 22, 2019 **it is important to apply for a work authorization extension as soon as possible**. You can file a Form I-821, Form I-765 and filing fee or fee waiver, and fingerprints fee all together.

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Automatic work authorization until July 21, 2018

DHS granted a 180-day automatic work authorization extension, **until July 21, 2018**, to allow TPS holders to continue working during the processing of employment authorization extensions. **You must re-register for TPS by March 19, 2018 in order to get the benefits of the automatic extension of work authorization.**

Many TPS holders have not yet received the most recent work authorization permission. Automatic work authorization applies to TPS holders who have pending applications for work permission and to TPS holders who received work authorization cards with January 22, 2018 expiration dates.

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Be prepared to show certain documents if asked about your work permission

If asked, you can show your employer the Federal Register Notice to prove that your work permission has been automatically extended until July 21, 2018. **By March 19, 2018**, you should have applied to extend your TPS and work authorization. You can also show your employer the receipt notice for your work authorization extension. **After July 21, 2018**, you must show your new work permission card with the extended date of July 22, 2019.

If your work authorization application is still pending, you can show your employer your most recent employment card, the receipt from your work permission application and the USCIS statement dated January 18, 2018. Go to <https://www.uscis.gov/news/re-registration-period-now-open-haitians-temporary-protected-status> for the statement. These will prove you have automatic employment authorization until July 21, 2018.

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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.



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Carry proof of TPS status

It's important to keep proof that you have TPS status with you. A copy of your employment authorization card, a copy of the Federal Register Notice and a copy of the completed Form I-821 and receipt showing you've applied for an extension of TPS will prove that you have TPS status. Download a copy of the Federal Register Notice at iAmerica.org/TPS.

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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.

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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.

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Beware of *notarios*! Get reputable legal help

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

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Take action and make your voice heard!

Get your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers involved in the fight to protect immigrants. 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

For a copy of the Federal Register Notice, go to iAmerica.org/TPS. Don't forget to keep a copy of this Notice with you.

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.

