

NICARAGUAN TPS UPDATE

On November 6, 2017, Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of Nicaraguan TPS (Temporary Protected Status) as of January 5, 2019. On December 15, 2017, nearly six weeks late, DHS published details about the process of applying for an extension of employment authorization and TPS for Nicaraguan TPS holders.

**IMPORTANT
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This is a list of important things Nicaraguans with TPS should know and do now:

01 Don't panic. You continue to have authorization to live and work in the U.S. if you file applications for extensions of TPS and work authorization by February 13, 2018

All Nicaraguan TPS holders must apply for both an extension of TPS and an extension of their work authorization by February 13, 2018 in order to maintain TPS status and work permission until January 5, 2019. But after January 5, 2019, Nicaraguan TPS holders will no longer be protected from arrest and deportation.

02 You must file for an extension of both TPS and work authorization by February 13, 2018

To remain in TPS status with work authorization through January 5, 2019, you must file applications for both by February 13, 2018 to preserve your work authorization after March 6, 2018.

03 Carry proof of TPS status

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

04 Be prepared to show proof of work authorization if your employer asks

Your employer does not need to re-verify your employment authorization until after January 6, 2018. After January 6, you can show your employer the Federal Register Notice to prove you continue to have work authorization until March 6, 2018. You can also show your receipt notices for your TPS and work authorization extensions after February 13, 2018. Always keep a copy of the Federal Register Notice with you.

05 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.

06 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.

07 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.

08 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

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.

