



**IMPORTANT  
DEADLINE TO  
RE-REGISTER:  
MAY 4, 2018**

# SYRIAN TPS UPDATE

*On January 31, 2018, Homeland Security (DHS) announced an 18-month extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Syrians until September 30, 2019. The decision on whether Syrian TPS will be extended beyond September 30, 2019 will be made by the DHS Secretary before that date. Unfortunately, under this announcement, Syrians who arrived in the U.S. after August 1, 2016 do not qualify for this program.*

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

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### **File your TPS re-registration and work authorization by May 4, 2018**

All current Syrian TPS holders must file a Form I-821 by **May 4, 2018** in order to extend their TPS status through **September 30, 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**

Syrian TPS work authorization **expires on March 31, 2018**. In order to receive work permission **through September 30, 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. Go to [www.uscis.gov/i-765](http://www.uscis.gov/i-765) for fee information.

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### **Automatic work authorization until September 27, 2018 with re-registration**

DHS granted a 180-day automatic work authorization extension, **until September 27, 2018**, to allow TPS holders to continue working during the processing of employment authorization extensions. **You must re-register for TPS by May 4, 2018 in order to get the benefits of the automatic extension of work authorization.**

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### **Be prepared to show certain documents if asked about work authorization after March 31**

If asked, you can show your employer the Federal Register Notice to prove that your work permission has been automatically extended until September 30, 2018. **By May 4, 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 September 30, 2018**, you may need to show your new work permission card with the extended date of **September 30, 2019**.

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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](http://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](http://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](http://iAmerica.org/immi).

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://iAmerica.org/TPS). Don't forget to keep a copy of the Notice with you.**

