



SALVADORAN TPS UPDATE

On January 8, 2018, Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Salvadorans. More than 200,000 Salvadoran TPS holders, many of whom have legally lived, worked and studied in the United States for decades, will lose their legal status. **Salvadoran TPS continues until September 9, 2019 if Salvadoran TPS holders re-register.**

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

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File your TPS re-registration by March 19, 2018

All current Salvadoran TPS holders must file a Form I-821 by **March 19, 2018** in order to extend their TPS status through **September 9, 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 Salvadoran TPS work authorization **expires on March 9, 2018**. In order to receive work permission through September 9, 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 for fee information.

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Automatic work authorization until September 5, 2018

DHS granted a 180-day automatic work authorization extension, until September 5, 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.

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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 September 5, 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 September 5, 2018**, you must show your new work permission card with the extended date of September 9, 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.

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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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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.

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Beware of *notarios*! Get reputable legal help.

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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 the Notice with you.

**** If you are one of the few people who has already completed and filed your TPS re-registration and employment authorization forms (I-821 and I-765), and your applications are pending at USCIS, you do not need to refile those forms. Check with a reputable attorney or legal services organization if you are not sure whether you have already filed. ****

We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.

