



# 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 for Salvadoran TPS holders who have re-registered.***

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

## 01 Automatic work authorization extended until MARCH 4, 2019

DHS extended automatic work authorization for people who have filed a TPS re-registration application by the March 19, 2018 deadline. People who re-registered for TPS but have not yet received their new employment authorization card will continue to have work permission until **March 4, 2019. DHS is sending out letters to TPS holders to provide proof of the automatic work extension to show to employers.**

## 02 If you have not received a letter from DHS yet about the automatic extension of work permission:

- **Talk to your union rep if you have one**
  - o If you belong to a union, talk to your union rep to help you with employer questions about work authorization.
- **Show your employer these papers**
  - o Make a copy of the DHS webpage that announces the automatic extension
  - o Show your most recent employment authorization card
- **Call DHS at 202-272-8377**
  - o Tell DHS you have not yet received the letter proving you have automatic work authorization and ask that this letter to be sent to your address

## 03 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, 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.

## 04 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).

## 05 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

**We are united in the fight to protect immigrant families.**

