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Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Overview

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a humanitarian immigration benefit that allows **eligible nationals of designated countries** to temporarily live and work in the United States due to **ongoing armed conflict, environmental disasters, or other extraordinary conditions** in their home country. TPS does **not** lead to a Green Card or U.S. citizenship, but recipients are **protected from deportation** while their status is valid.

Processing Times

- Initial TPS Application: 6–12 months (**varies by USCIS service center**)
- TPS Renewal Applications: 6–10 months
- Employment Authorization (EAD) Processing: 3–6 months

Minimum Required Documents

- **Application for Temporary Protected Status**
- **Application for Employment Authorization, if applying for work permit**
- **Proof of nationality (passport, birth certificate, or national ID)**
- **Proof of continuous residence in the U.S. (rent receipts, pay stubs, school records, etc.)**
- **Evidence of continuous physical presence in the U.S. since the TPS designation date**
- **Police clearance or certified court records (if applicable)**

Additional documents may be required depending on USCIS requests or specific country designation requirements.

Government Filing Fee Range

Filing fees for **TPS applications** range from **\$50 to \$545**, depending on age and whether the applicant requests **work authorization (EAD)**. Fees are **subject to change**, so applicants should check the [USCIS website](#) for the latest fee schedule.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

1. Who is eligible for TPS?

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To qualify for TPS, an applicant must:

- Be a **national of a designated TPS country**.
- Have **continuously resided in the U.S.** since the **TPS designation date**.
- Have **physically remained in the U.S.** (short trips may be allowed with USCIS approval).
- **Not** have felony convictions or two or more misdemeanors in the U.S.

2. How long does TPS last, and can it be renewed?

TPS is granted for **6–18 months at a time** and can be **extended** by the U.S. government based on conditions in the home country. **TPS holders must re-register** for each extension to maintain their status.

3. Can TPS holders apply for a Green Card?

TPS does **not** directly lead to a Green Card, but some recipients may become eligible through:

- **Marriage to a U.S. citizen.**
- **Employment-based sponsorship (if eligible for Adjustment of Status).**
- **Asylum or other humanitarian relief options.**
Certain TPS holders **may adjust status under the 6th Circuit and 9th Circuit court rulings** if they previously had lawful entry.

4. Can TPS holders travel outside the U.S.?

Yes, but TPS holders must first apply for **Advance Parole** to re-enter the U.S. **Traveling without authorization may result in losing TPS status.**

5. What happens if my TPS application is denied?

- If denied, USCIS will provide a **written explanation**.
- Applicants **can file a motion to reconsider or appeal the denial** if eligible.
- If the applicant is in removal proceedings, they may **present their TPS eligibility before an immigration judge**.

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