

WHAT IS TPS?

Temporary Protection Status (TPS) is an immigration benefit for people of certain nationalities who cannot return to their country of origin safely, whether due to armed conflict, natural disasters or other extraordinary conditions of temporary nature.

On September 20, 2023, TPS for Venezuela was extended and redesignated. The redesignation for TPS will allow Venezuelan citizens who arrived in the United States before July 31, 2023 to also be able to apply for TPS.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TPS?

- Live legally in the United States during the TPS period;
- Have a valid work authorization card during the TPS period; and
- The possibility of requesting travel authorization in certain cases to travel abroad.

Unfortunately, TPS does not lead to any permanent legal status, but could continue to be extended for another 18 months if the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) decides that an extension of TPS is necessary for Venezuela.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR TPS?

- Venezuelans who can prove their Venezuelan identity and nationality.
- Venezuelans who have been continuously residing in the United States since July 31, 2023 until a TPS application is submitted.
- Venezuelans who were physically present in the United States since October 3, 2023.

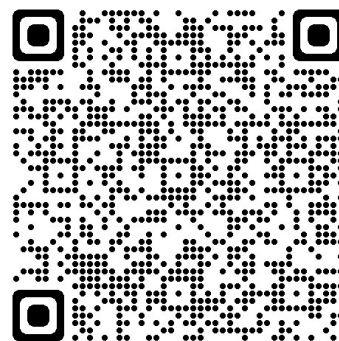
WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TPS?

- Have been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors committed in the U.S.;
- Are found inadmissible as an immigrant under applicable grounds in INA section 212(a), including non-waivable criminal and security-related grounds;
- Are subject to any of the mandatory bars to asylum. These include, but are not limited to, participating in the persecution of another individual or engaging in or inciting terrorist activity;

REGISTRATION AND RE-REGISTRATION

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin receiving applications for **initial** TPS on October 3, 2023. TPS beneficiaries must **re-register** between **January 10, 2024 and March 10, 2024**. For more information visit:

<https://www.uscis.gov/es/programas-humanitarios/estatus-de-proteccion-temporal/pais-designado-al-estatus-de-proteccion-temporal-venezuela>.



WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR TPS?

- Copy of your Passport, or Birth Certificate (with translation) or I.D. national with photograph and/or fingerprint.
- Copy of the I-94 Arrival/Departure Record form or documents that were given to you when you were processed at the United States border.
- Copies of documents that show your name and due dates before July 31, 2023, such as payment stubs, rent receipts, utility bills (water, electricity, telephone), school records, medical or hospital records and other documents.
- Certified court dispositions (if you were ever arrested, charged or convicted of a criminal offense in this country).
- Copy of immigration receipts if he has other pending immigration cases.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD (EAD)?

- Complete Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization Card.
- Two passport size photographs.
- A check or money order for \$410 to pay the application fee.

The work permit will be approved only when your TPS application is approved.

TPS FILING FEES

- Over 14 and EAD (employment card): \$545
- Under 14: \$50
- 66 or older: \$135
- Cost is different if not applying for an EAD.

YOUR AGE	FEE FOR THE TPS APPLICATION (I-821 FORM)	FEE FOR BIOMETRICS (FINGERPRINTS)	FEE FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION (I-765 FORM)	TOTAL
under 14 years old	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
14-65 years old	\$50	\$85	\$410	\$545
66 and over	\$50	\$85	\$0	\$135

FEE WAIVER REQUEST

If you are unable to pay filing fees, submit a request for a fee waiver (Form I-912 Request for Fee Waiver) explaining why you are unable to pay filing fees for your TPS application. If available, you might need the following documents for your fee waiver request:

- Copy of your most recent Income Tax returns (if available)
- Copy of W-2 and pay stubs
- Copy of lease agreement, utility bills, medical expenses and others to show monthly expenses
- Copy of COMPASS sheet if you or a family member receives public benefits in Pennsylvania (Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, CHIP other)
- If you do not have any income, financial support, or cannot provide evidence of income, submit affidavits from religious institutions, non-profits, community-based organizations, describing your particular situation that you believe qualifies you for a fee waiver.

For more information visit: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-912>.

