

# amazon | TPS Guide



## Securing Safety: Temporary Protective Status



## Purpose

This guide will walk you through the steps for applying for Temporary Protected Status or TPS. To determine whether applying for TPS might be right for you, please consult the accompanying [Amazon Fact Sheet](#) regarding TPS and the [USCIS website](#).

Most people can apply for TPS without the help of an attorney using this guide. However, you should contact an immigration attorney for assistance rather than filing without help if you:

- Have a criminal conviction or arrest,
- Answer “Yes” to any of the inadmissibility questions found in items 8-41 of the Form I-821,
- Are in Immigration Court proceedings, or
- Cannot easily show how long you have been in the United States.

Otherwise, this guide can help you assemble a filing packet with relevant forms and evidence.

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## Temporary Protected Status At A Glance



Sometimes, the United States will grant temporary protected status or TPS to the citizens of a country experiencing a crisis or natural disaster that have been residing in the United States since a certain date. TPS allows qualifying people from countries designated for TPS to live and work in the United States while they have TPS. Though TPS is not a path to a permanent immigration status in the United States, TPS can sometimes be renewed. **TPS has specific country requirements for each designated country.** USCIS maintains a current list of countries on its [website](#) under “Countries Currently Designated for TPS.”

## Who Is Eligible for TPS?

You can request TPS if you meet the requirements for:



Citizenship



Residence



Continuous Presence

## To confirm that you are eligible for TPS:

- Make sure that **your country of origin is on the list of countries that the US government has designated or re-designated for TPS.** USCIS maintains a current list of countries on its [website](#) under “Countries Currently Designated for TPS.” You generally must be a citizen of a country designated for TPS to qualify.
- Look up the dates that you are eligible to file for TPS. **USCIS maintains a specific webpage for each country** that has a TPS designation. Your country’s page should have a chart that looks like this one:

Have you been primarily living in the United States since the date listed as “Continuous Residence in US Since” for your country’s chart?

✗ If you were spending most of your time in another country after this date, you cannot obtain TPS.

TPS Designated Through:	Nov. 25, 2022
Registration Period:	May 25, 2021 – Nov. 25, 2022
Continuous Residence in U.S. Since:	March 11, 2021
Continuous Physical Presence in U.S. Since:	May 25, 2021
TPS Designation Date:	May 25, 2021

Have you been present in the United States without interruption since the date listed at “Continuous Physical Presence in US Since”?

✗ If you left the United States after this date—even for a short trip abroad to visit family or similar—you cannot obtain TPS.



Look up the chart for your country!

Note both the “Continuous Residence” and “Continuous Physical Presence” dates, as they will determine the evidence that you need to collect for USCIS to prove your initial eligibility.

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- To file either for an initial TPS or to renew your prior grant of TPS, you will need to submit [Form I-821](#) to US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
  - USCIS regularly updates its forms, so it is important that you download the current version directly from USCIS' website shortly before you make your filing.
  - Much of the information on the Form I-821 is basic biographical information that should be easy for you to complete.
  - USCIS instructions are available [here](#) and may address questions that are beyond the scope of this guide.
- While USCIS does permit you to file the Form I-821 electronically on its website, **you should make this filing in paper form by mailing materials to USCIS** if possible.
  - Why? USCIS' electronic systems can be frustratingly unstable, and you may lose progress on your application if you cannot finish it in one sitting.
  - You should always make and keep a copy of all the materials you submit to USCIS, which is easier if you submit materials in physical format.
- If you want to work in the United States while you have TPS, you should file a request for an Employment Authorization Document or EAD alongside your TPS request. You can request an EAD using the separate [Form I-765](#).
  - You should generally include the completed Form I-765 in the same filing packet as your completed Form I-821.
  - For more information on filing for an EAD connected to TPS, please consult [Amazon's EAD Guide](#) here.

Select 1.a here if you have never previously had TPS.

Select 1.b if you have had TPS before and are filing to renew.

Only answer question 2 if you previously had TPS.

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**Application for Temporary Protected Status**  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**USCIS**  
**Form I-821**  
OMB No. 1615-0043  
Expires 07/31/2022

For USCIS Use Only		
Receipt	Action Block	Case ID:
		A-Number:
Remarks		Returned:
		Resubmitted:
		Relocated:
		Received:
		Sent:

**To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any)**

☐ Select this box if you are filing without an attorney attached.

Attorney State Bar Number

Attorney or Accredited Representative

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**Part I. Type of Application (select one)**

**NOTE:** Select the box for **Item Number 1.a., 1.b., or 2.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 3.a. or 3.b.** For **Item Number 4.**, enter the name of the designated TPS country.

**1.**

☐ This is my initial (first time) application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). I do not currently have TPS.

**1.b.**

☐ This is my re-registration application for TPS. I currently have TPS, and am applying to re-register.

**NOTE:** If you have previously applied or have a pending application for TPS, but do not currently have TPS, select **Item Number 1.a.** and describe each time that you previously applied, including the receipt number (if available) and the outcome (if any) of each application. If you currently have a pending TPS application, please also describe when you filed it and the application receipt number (if available) in **Part II. Additional Information.** If you do not recall or have incomplete information on your prior TPS applications, please provide the information you can, even if incomplete.

**2.**

If you selected **Item Number 1.b.**, please indicate who granted you TPS.

☐ USCIS

☐ Immigration Judge/Board of Immigration Appeals

**Are you also filing a request for employment authorization?**

**3.a.** ☐ Yes, I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and I am filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, together with my Form I-821.

**3.b.** ☐ No, I am not currently requesting an EAD.

**4.**

Name of designated TPS country under which you are applying.

**Part 2. Information About You**

**Your Full Name**

**1.a.**

Family Name (Last Name)

**1.b.**

Given Name (First Name)

**1.c.**

Middle Name

Make sure you are using the most recent version of the form, which can be downloaded from this [USCIS website](https://uscis.dhs.gov/uscis).

Select 3.a if you are requesting an EAD document at the same time (which requires submission of the Form I-765). Otherwise, select 3.b.

Your answer to Question 4 should be your country of origin (for example, "Venezuela" or "Burma").

Use your name as it appears on your passport or other official identity document.



Part 2. Information About You (continued)

Other Names Used

Provide all other names you have used since birth, including aliases, maiden name, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.

2.a. Family Name (Last Name)

2.b. Given Name (First Name)

2.c. Middle Name

3.a. Family Name (Last Name)

3.b. Given Name (First Name)

3.c. Middle Name

U.S. Mailing Address (USPS ZIP Code Lookup)

4.a. In Care Of Name

4.b. Street Number and Name

4.c. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.

4.d. City or Town

4.e. State

4.f. ZIP Code

5. Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address (where you live)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "No" to Item Number 5., please provide your physical address below.

U.S. Physical Address

6.a. Street Number and Name

6.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.

6.c. City or Town

6.d. State

6.e. ZIP Code

Other Information

7. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) 

A-

8. USCIS Online Account Number (if any)

9. U.S. Social Security Number (if any)

10. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Other Dates of Birth Used (if any)

Provide all other dates of birth you have ever used. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.

11.a. Other Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

11.b. Other Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

12. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

13. City/Town/Village of Birth

14. Country of Birth

Countries of Residence (Before entering the U.S.)

15.a.

15.b.

15.c.

15.d.

Country or Countries of Citizenship or Nationality (if any) (List all countries that apply.)

16.a.

16.b.

16.c.

16.d.

Your Marital Information

17. Current Marital Status (Select only one box)

☐ Single, Never Married

☐ Married

☐ Divorced

☐ Widowed

☐ Separated

☐ Marriage Annulled

☐ Other

Include all other names ever used, including maiden/married names and any alternative spellings of your name.

You should list different mailing and physical addresses here if for some reason you receive mail more easily at a location other than your home.

If your mailing and physical addresses are the same, leave 6a-d blank.

Check any previous USCIS notices, your current EAD card, or immigration applications for your A Number, which USCIS assigns you when you seek a benefit. If you do not have that number or cannot find it, leave that question blank.

If you do not have a Social Security Number, leave this item blank.

After filing for TPS, be sure to update USCIS about any changes in your physical address by submitting that change of address through the online [AR-11 tool](#).





If you entered without inspection, you should put the date you crossed in Question 19, answer question 20 with EWI, answer "N/A" to Question 21, and list the approximate place where you crossed in item 22.

You can find your I-94 number [online](#) using your passport information.

If the I-94 records are out of date, see if the stamp in your passport has a number.

If you entered without inspection, you can leave this blank.

Consult your **I-94 record** or passport stamp to determine the date through which you were admitted.

If you entered without inspection, say "N/A."



Part 2. Information About You (continued)

18. Date of Current Marriage (if currently married)  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

U.S. Entry Information

19. Date of Last Entry into the United States  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

20. Immigration Status (or Lack of Status) When You Last Entered the United States (for example, visitor, student, no status)

Place of Last Entry into the United States

21. U.S. Port of Entry (if any)

22.a. City or Town

22.b. State

23. Form I-94 Arrival-Departure Record Number (if any)

24. Date Your Authorized Period of Stay in the United States Expired or Will Expire (as shown on Form I-94 or Crewman's Landing Permit (Form I-95)) (mm/dd/yyyy or duration of status (D/S))

25. Passport Number (most recent passport) (if any) (If you have other expired or valid passports, please list all of them and provide all information requested below about each passport.)

26. Travel Document Number (if any)

27. Additional Passport or Travel Document Number

28. Additional Passport or Travel Document Number

29. Country of Issuance for most recent Passport or Travel Document

30. Expiration Date for most recent Passport or Travel Document (mm/dd/yyyy)

Your Current Immigration Status

31. Current Immigration Status or Lack of Status

32. Are you now or were you EVER in immigration proceedings?  
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to Item Number 32., provide the following information.

Type of Proceedings (Select all boxes that apply):

33.a. ☐ Immigration Court (before an Immigration Judge)

33.b. ☐ Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

33.c. ☐ I am no longer in Department of Justice (DOJ) or Department of Homeland Security (DHS) immigration proceedings, but I am or was in Federal court proceedings regarding immigration issues.

34. Locations Where Your DOJ and/or DHS Proceedings were Held (or are currently being held) (if applicable)

35. Locations Where Your Federal Court Proceedings Regarding Immigration Issues were Held (or are currently being held) (if applicable)

Dates for Your Proceedings

NOTE: If your proceedings are ongoing, leave the "To" date blank. If you have been in more than one type of proceedings, or in Federal Court, list dates for each time period.

36.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

36.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

36.c. ☐ Present

Part 3. Biographic Information

1. Ethnicity (Select only one box)  
☐ Hispanic or Latino  
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

2. Race (Select all applicable boxes)  
☐ White  
☐ Asian  
☐ Black or African American  
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

If you entered without inspection, enter "EWI." Otherwise indicate the visa status on which you entered. If that status has expired, indicate that after the status.

For example, if you entered on a B-2 visitor visa, you would say "B-2 Visitor." If you stayed past that status, you would say "B-2 Visitor (Expired)."

If you have never been in Immigration Court proceedings, answer "No" and skip to Part 3.

If you answer "Yes," consider consulting an immigration attorney about your TPS case. The interaction between Immigration Court proceedings and other immigration issues can be complex. It is important that you do not damage any ongoing immigration matters. Your attorney may want to review this filing.

Select the best answer for your ethnicity and race. You can select more than one response for item 2 if you have multiple racial identities.





If you are filing late, you need to complete Parts 4, 5, and 6 to provide information about your spouse and children on pages 4, 5, and 6.

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<b>Part 5. Information About Your Former Spouses (if any)</b>		<b>Second Marriage</b>
Complete this section only if you are filing a <b>late initial</b> application for TPS. See the form instructions for information on requirements for late initial filing for TPS. If you need extra space to complete this section on all former spouses or all of your children, please use the space provided in <b>Part 11. Additional Information.</b>		<b>11.a.</b> Family Name (Last Name) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>11.b.</b> Given Name (First Name) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>11.b.</b> Given Name (First Name) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>11.c.</b> Middle Name <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>11.c.</b> Middle Name <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>12.</b> Nationalities of Former Spouse <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>12.</b> Nationalities of Former Spouse <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>13.</b> A-Number of Former Spouse (if any and if known) A- <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>13.</b> A-Number of Former Spouse (if any and if known) A- <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>14.</b> Date of Birth of Former Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>14.</b> Date of Birth of Former Spouse (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>15.</b> Date of Death of Former Spouse Deceased (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>15.</b> Date of Death of Former Spouse Deceased (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>Dates of Marriage to Former Spouse</b> <b>16.a.</b> (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>Dates of Marriage to Former Spouse</b> <b>16.a.</b> (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>To (mm/dd/yyyy)</b> <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>To (mm/dd/yyyy)</b> <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>17.</b> How Marriage Ended (for example, divorce, widowed, annulled) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>17.</b> How Marriage Ended (for example, divorce, widowed, annulled) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>18.</b> Did or does this former spouse have TPS (if known)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know		<b>18.</b> Did or does this former spouse have TPS (if known)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know
<b>If yes, what dates did he or she have TPS (if known)?</b> <b>19.a.</b> From (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>If yes, what dates did he or she have TPS (if known)?</b> <b>19.a.</b> From (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>19.b.</b> To (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>		<b>19.b.</b> To (mm/dd/yyyy) <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
<b>19.c.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present		<b>19.c.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Present
<b>19.d.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know the dates		<b>19.d.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I do not know the dates
<b>20.</b> Is this former spouse currently applying for or re-registering for TPS (if known)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know		<b>20.</b> Is this former spouse currently applying for or re-registering for TPS (if known)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I Do Not Know



Will you submit your TPS application within the “Registration Period” listed on your country’s USCIS page? [\(Select your country’s page to check the current registration dates.\)](#)

If you will submit your request before that deadline and timely file, you can skip Parts 4, 5, and 6.

If you are filing late, you need to complete Parts 4, 5, and 6 to provide information about your spouse and children on pages 4, 5, and 6.

Part 6. Information About Your Children  
(if any)

Complete this section only if you are filing a late initial application for TPS. See the form instructions for information on requirements for late initial filing for TPS. If you need extra space to complete this section on all former spouses or all of your children, please use the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.

Provide the following information about each of your children (if any). If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in Part 11. Additional Information.

Child 1

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2. USCIS Online Account Number (if any and if known)

3. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any and if known)

4. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Mailing Address

5.a. Street Number and Name

5.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

5.c. City or Town

5.d. State ZIP Code

5.e. Province

5.g. Postal Code

5.h. Country

If this child has or had TPS, please provide the dates of his or her TPS (if known).

6.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

6.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

7. If you know, is this child currently applying for or re-registering for TPS (if known)?

Child 2

8.a. Family Name (Last Name)

8.b. Given Name (First Name)

8.c. Middle Name

9. USCIS Online Account Number (if any and if known)

10. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any and if known)

11. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Mailing Address

12.a. Street Number and Name

12.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

12.c. City or Town

12.d. State ZIP Code

12.e. Province

12.g. Postal Code

12.h. Country

If this child has or had TPS, please provide the dates of his or her TPS (if known).

13.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

13.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

14. If you know, is this child currently applying for or re-registering for TPS (if known)?

Part 7. Eligibility Standards

Basis for Eligibility

Provide the following information:

1.a. I am a national of (or a person having no nationality who last habitually resided in the country of):

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If you are filing late and have more than two children, you can use the extra space on the last page of the form to list your additional. Be sure to include each additional child’s name, A Number, and date of birth on page 13.

Everyone must complete Part 7.

Answer question 1.a. in that section by providing your nationality/country of citizenship.

Be sure the bar code, version, and page numbers are visible and intact for all pages of the form!

On this page, you will provide information regarding your entry into the United States. For question 1.b you need to give a date since which you have “resided in” the United States, meaning having lived here mostly full-time.

Identify any other countries that you visited or passed through along your route to the United States. For example, if you had a layover in another country, you would need to list that country in answer to question 2 and then list the dates and your immigration status in that country for questions 3 and 4.

Question 5 is aimed at understanding if you were ever offered something like refugee status, asylum, or permanent residence in another country that you refused to take.

If “No,” skip questions 6 and 7.

If your answer is or may be “Yes,” consult with an immigration attorney before filing for TPS. You will need to carefully describe the circumstances for that status in surrounding questions (6 and 7). A lawyer can help you understand if and how having status in another country might impact your TPS.



Part 7. Eligibility Standards (continued)

I.b. I entered the United States on the following date, and have resided in the United States since that time.  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

I.e. Have you **EVER** traveled to and entered another country, other than the one listed in **Item Number 1.a**, before you last entered the United States?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If you answered “Yes” to **Item Number 1.e.**, provide the information requested in **Item Numbers 2. - 5**, for **EACH** country you traveled to and entered prior to entering the United States. If you need extra space to complete this section, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information**.

2. Name of All the Other Countries to Which You Traveled and Entered Prior to Entering the United States

Dates That You Were in the Other Country or Countries

3.a. From (mm/dd/yyyy)

3.b. To (mm/dd/yyyy)

4. Your Immigration Status, if Any, in the Other Country (for example, citizen, legal permanent resident, refugee, asylee, visitor, student, temporary resident, or no status)

5. Have you **EVER** been offered any immigration status by another country that you did not accept?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. If you answered “Yes” to **Item Number 5**, please describe the country or countries, the nature of the immigration status you were offered, and the dates when it was offered.

7. If you answered “Yes” to **Item Number 5**, please describe why you chose not to accept the immigration status offered to you by the other country or countries.

Your Immigration and Criminal History

To be eligible for TPS, you must be **admissible** as an immigrant to the United States, with certain exceptions. The questions below and your responses to these questions will help USCIS determine if you are eligible for TPS. See the **Who Is Eligible for TPS** section of the Instructions for additional information on admissibility and available waivers.

If any of the questions apply to you, please provide information about the events, including the places and dates of occurrence. Provide a full explanation of the circumstances related to the specific event. If you need additional space to respond to a question, use the space provided in **Part 11. Additional Information**.

Criminal Offenses

If you were **EVER** arrested or detained for an offense, you must provide information about the event regardless of the country where the event occurred. If you were arrested, charged, or convicted for an offense, you must provide certified court dispositions showing the court proceedings’ outcome wherever possible. You also must provide copies of arrest reports, statements of charges, indictment information, or any other charging document issued against you. If you were not charged with any crime or offense, provide a statement or other documentation from the arresting authority or prosecutor’s office to show that you were not charged with any crime or offense.

NOTE: If you are not able to provide the documentation requested above, provide a signed statement as to why you cannot provide such documentation. USCIS usually needs supporting documentation, however, we do recognize that country conditions in certain TPS-designated countries may not allow an applicant to obtain the documents. Each statement will be carefully reviewed by USCIS, and we may need to ask you for additional information.

Please carefully read **Item 6** in the **General Requirements** section of the Instructions for additional information that you must provide if official documents regarding your criminal history are not available to you.

Human Rights Violations

If you have ever engaged in, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in any human rights violations, you must provide information about the events, including the place and date, and a description of the event regardless of the country where the events occurred.

Have you **EVER** been convicted of:

8.a. Any felony committed in the United States?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8.b. Any misdemeanor committed in the United States?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Note that questions 8 through 41 begin on this page and cover a variety of “inadmissibility” grounds, or reasons why you might not be entitled to an immigration benefit. You should **review these questions closely** and determine whether the answer to all of them is “No.”

If you need to answer “Yes” to a question or are not sure if you should answer “Yes,” consult with an immigration lawyer.

Answering “Yes” to a question will require you to explain that issue further.

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Part 7. Eligibility Standards (continued)

- 8.c. Any particularly serious crime committed either in or outside the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 9.a. Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 9.b. Have you **EVER** committed serious nonpolitical crimes outside of the United States prior to your arrival in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 9.c. Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in activities that could be reasonable grounds for concluding that you are a danger to the security of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you **EVER** been convicted of or have you **EVER** committed acts which constitute the essential elements of:
- 10.a. A crime (other than a purely political offense)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 10.b. A violation of any law relating to a controlled substance as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 10.c. A conspiracy to violate any law relating to a controlled substance as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Have you **EVER** been convicted of two or more criminal offenses (other than purely political offenses) for which you received sentences to confinement that, when combined, total five years or more? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12.a. Have you **EVER** trafficked in or are you **NOW** trafficking in any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12.b. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** knowingly assisted, abetted, conspired, or colluded with others in the unlawful trafficking of any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12.c. Are you the spouse or child of an alien who unlawfully trafficked in any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12.d. Are you the spouse or child of an alien who assisted, abetted, conspired, or colluded with others in the unlawful trafficking of any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- 12.e. Within the previous five years, have you **EVER** obtained any financial or other benefit from the unlawful activity of your spouse (including former spouses) or parents, and you knew, or reasonably should have known, that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you **EVER** engaged, or do you plan to engage, solely, principally, or incidentally, in any of the following:
- 13.a. Any activity to violate any law of the United States relating to espionage or sabotage? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13.b. Any activity to violate or evade any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13.c. Any other unlawful activity in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13.d. Any activity in which a purpose is to oppose, control, or overthrow the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unlawful means, including but not limited to participating in such activities, giving support to others involved in such activities, or being a member or representative of a terrorist organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 14.a. Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in terrorist activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 14.b. Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in or plan to engage in activities in the United States that would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 14.c. Have you **EVER** been or are you **NOW** a member of the Communist or other totalitarian party, except when membership was involuntary? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 14.d. Have you **EVER** participated in Nazi persecution or genocide? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you **EVER**, whether in the United States or any other country been:
- 15.a. Arrested, for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 15.b. Cited, charged, or indicted, for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 15.c. Been convicted, fined, imprisoned, placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or deferral of adjudication for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part 7. Eligibility Standards (continued)

16. Have you **EVER** been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? ☐ Yes ☐ No
17. Have you **EVER** committed a serious criminal offense in the United States and asserted immunity from prosecution? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 18.a. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years, or are you **NOW** engaged in prostitution or procurement of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 18.b. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years (either directly or indirectly) procured or attempted to procure or import prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 18.c. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years, received, in whole or in part, the proceeds of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No
19. Have you **EVER** been or do you intend to be involved in any other commercial vice? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 20.a. Have you **EVER** been ordered removed, and been deported from the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 20.b. Have you **EVER** voluntarily departed the United States under an order of removal? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 20.c. If you answered "Yes" to either **Item Number 20.a.** or **20.b.** above, have you re-entered the United States unlawfully at any time after you were deported or you voluntarily departed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 20.d. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 20.c.** above, has DHS reinstated your prior order of removal? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I Do Not Know
- 20.e. Have you **EVER** failed to attend or remain in attendance at any immigration proceedings to determine your admissibility or deportability? ☐ Yes ☐ No
21. Have you **EVER**, by fraud or willfully misrepresenting a material fact, sought to obtain a visa or other documentation, admission to the United States, or any other immigration benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
22. Have you **EVER** assisted any other person to enter the United States in violation of the law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- 23.a. Do you **NOW** have a communicable disease of public health significance? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 23.b. Do you **NOW** have or have you **EVER** had a physical or mental disorder and behavior (or a history of behavior that is likely to recur) associated with the disorder which has posed or may pose a threat to the property, safety, or welfare of yourself or others? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 23.c. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** been a drug abuser or drug addict? ☐ Yes ☐ No
24. Have you **EVER** entered the United States as a stowaway? ☐ Yes ☐ No
25. Did the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) **EVER** impose, or has DHS **EVER** imposed, civil monetary penalties on you for producing or using false documentation to obtain an immigration benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No
26. Are you **NOW** subject to a final order for violation of section 274C (producing and/or using false documentation to unlawfully satisfy a requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
27. Do you **NOW** practice polygamy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
28. Are you **NOW** the guardian of, and are you accompanying, another individual who has been found to be inadmissible and who has been certified by a medical examiner to be helpless due to sickness, physical or mental disability, or infancy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
29. Have you **EVER** detained, retained, or withheld the custody of a child having a lawful claim to U.S. citizenship, outside the United States, from a U.S. citizen granted custody? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:
- 30.a. Acts involving torture or genocide? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.b. Killing any person? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.c. Intentionally and severely injuring any person? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.d. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who was being forced or threatened? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.e. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Pages 8 and 9 continue the "inadmissibility" questions related to reasons why you might not be entitled to an immigration benefit. You should review these questions closely and determine whether the answer to all of them is "No."

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If you need to answer "Yes" to a question or are not sure if you should answer "Yes," consult with an immigration lawyer. Answering "Yes" to a question will require you to explain that issue further.





Note that questions 8 through 41 begin on this page and cover a variety of “inadmissibility” grounds, or reasons why you might not be entitled to an immigration benefit. You should **review these questions closely** and determine whether the answer to all of them is “No.”



If you need to answer “Yes” to a question or are not sure if you should answer “Yes,” **consult with an immigration lawyer.** Answering “Yes” to a question will require you to explain that issue further.



Part 7. Eligibility Standards (continued)

Have you **EVER**:

31.a. Served in, been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, militia, or insurgent organization?

☐ Yes ☐ No

31.b. Served or worked in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons?

☐ Yes ☐ No

32. Have you **EVER** been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any group, unit, or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so?

☐ Yes ☐ No

33. Have you **EVER** assisted with or participated in selling or providing weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person, or in transporting weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person?

☐ Yes ☐ No

34. Have you **EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

35. Have you **EVER** unlawfully voted in a United States Federal, state, or local election?

☐ Yes ☐ No

36. Have you **EVER** claimed to be a U. S. citizen (in writing or in any other way)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

37.a. Have you **EVER** recruited, enlisted, conscripted, or used any person under 15 years of age to serve in or help an armed force or group?

☐ Yes ☐ No

37.b. Have you **EVER** used any person under 15 years of age to take part in hostilities or to help or provide services to people in combat?

☐ Yes ☐ No

38.a. Have you **EVER** committed or conspired to commit human trafficking offenses, as defined in the section 103 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, in the United States or outside the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

38.b. Have you **EVER** knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded with a human trafficker?

☐ Yes ☐ No

38.c. Are you **NOW** the spouse or child of an alien who committed or conspired to commit human trafficking offenses?

☐ Yes ☐ No

38.d. Are you **NOW** the spouse or child of, or are you yourself, an alien who knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded with a human trafficker?

☐ Yes ☐ No

38.e. Within the previous five years, have you **EVER** obtained any financial or other benefit from the human trafficking activity of your spouse (including former spouses) or parents, **and you** knew, or reasonably should have known, that the financial or other benefit that you received resulted from such human trafficking?

☐ Yes ☐ No

39.a. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** engaged in money laundering as described in section 1956 or 1957 of Title 18, United States Code?

☐ Yes ☐ No

39.b. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** been a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in money laundering?

☐ Yes ☐ No

40. Have you **EVER** been responsible for or directly carried out particularly severe violations of religious freedom, as defined in section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. section 6402) while serving as a foreign government official?

☐ Yes ☐ No

41. Has an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals **EVER** determined that you filed a frivolous asylum application in the past?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part 8. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature

NOTE: Read the **Penalties** section of the Form I-821 Instructions before completing this part. You must file Form I-821 while in the United States.

Applicant's Statement

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.** If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

1.a. ☐ I can read and understand English, and I have read and understand every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question.

1.b. ☐ The interpreter named in **Part 9**, read to me every question and instruction on this application and my answer to every question in  a language in which I am fluent, and I understood everything.

2. ☐ At my request, the preparer named in **Part 10**,  prepared this application for me based only upon information I provided or authorized.

Select the box that applies to you.

If you select 1.b., ask the interpreter to complete and sign Part 9, items 1.a.-7.b. on pages 11 and 12.

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Complete these items with your contact information.

Read the certification. Then sign and date the application by hand using a blue or black pen!

Electronic signatures or typewritten names are not acceptable, and your application can be rejected or denied.

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**Part 8. Applicant's Statement, Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**  
(continued)

**Applicant's Contact Information**

3. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number

4. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

5. Applicant's Email Address (if any)

**Applicant's Certification**

Copies of any documents I have submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered, original documents, and I understand that USCIS may require that I submit original documents to USCIS at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from any of my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the immigration benefit I seek.

I further authorize release of information contained in this application, in supporting documents, and in my USCIS records to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration and enforcement of U.S. immigration laws.

I understand that USCIS may require me to appear for an appointment to take my biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) and, at that time, I will be required to sign an oath reaffirming that:

1) I reviewed and provided or authorized all of the information in my application;

2) I understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application; and

3) All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I provided or authorized all of the information in my application, I understand all of the information contained in, and submitted with, my application, and that all of this information is complete, true, and correct.

**Applicant's Signature**

a. Applicant's Signature

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

**NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS:** If you do not completely fill out this application or fail to submit required documents listed in the Instructions, USCIS may deny your application.

**Part 9. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

Provide the following information about the interpreter.

**Interpreter's Full Name**

1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (First Name)

2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (if any)

**Interpreter's Mailing Address**

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b. ☐ Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State

3.e. ZIP Code

3.f. Province

3.g. Postal Code

3.h. Country

**Interpreter's Contact Information**

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Interpreter's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Interpreter's Email Address (if any)

**Interpreter's Certification**

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that:

I am fluent in English and ,

which is the same language specified in **Part 8., Item Number 1.b.**, and I have read to this applicant in the identified language every question and instruction on this application and his or her answer to every question. The applicant informed me that he or she understands every instruction, question and answer on the application, including the **Applicant's Certification**, and has verified the accuracy of every answer.

If you completed this form without an interpreter's help, skip this section.

Otherwise, the interpreter should complete all of Part 9 and sign item 7.a. on page 12.

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Part 9. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature (continued)

Interpreter's Signature

7.a. Interpreter's Signature

7.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 10. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, if Other Than the Applicant

Provide the following information about the preparer.

Preparer's Full Name

1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name (if any)

Preparer's Mailing Address

3.a. Preparer's Street Address

3.b. Apt. Ste. Flr.

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State

3.e. Zip Code

3.f. Province

3.g. Postal Code

3.h. Country

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

5. Preparer's Mobile Telephone Number (if any)

6. Preparer's Email Address (if any)

Preparer's Statement

7.a. I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this application on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.

7.b. I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case extends does not extend beyond the preparation of this application.

NOTE: If you are an attorney or accredited representative whose representation extends beyond preparation of this application, you may be obliged to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or G-281, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States with this application.

Preparer's Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this application at the request of the applicant. The applicant then reviewed this completed application and informed me that he or she understands all of the information contained in, and submitted with, his or her application, including the Applicant's Certification, and that all of this information is complete, true and correct. I completed this application based only on information that the applicant provided to me or authorized me to obtain or use.

Preparer's Signature

8. Preparer's Signature

8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy)

Part 11. Additional Information

If you need extra space to provide any additional information within this application, use the space below. If you need more space than what is provided, you may make copies of this page to complete and file with this application or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print your name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

1.a. Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Given Name (First Name)

1.c. Middle Name

2. A-Number (if any) A-

3.a. Page Number 3.b. Part Number 3.c. Item Number

3.d.

4.a. Page Number 4.b. Part Number 4.c. Item Number

4.d.

5.a. Page Number 5.b. Part Number 5.c. Item Number

5.d.

6.a. Page Number 6.b. Part Number 6.c. Item Number

6.d.

7.a. Page Number 7.b. Part Number 7.c. Item Number

7.d.

Use this final page if you needed more space to complete any of your answers.

You did it!

SKIP PART 10 because you prepared it yourself!

If this is your first time seeking TPS, you will file an initial TPS registration request. An initial TPS filing must include extensive evidence and documents to prove your eligibility for TPS on three facts:



## Fact #1: You are from a country designated for TPS

To prove this, collect whatever documentation you have regarding your identity and nationality in one of the following designed countries.

- The **best evidence is a passport** from your country of origin, even if that passport has expired.
- If you do not have and cannot easily get a passport, you should collect **alternative documentation like a national ID card or a birth certificate** showing your country of origin.
- Ideally the documents you use should include your photograph and fingerprint.
- Documents in languages other than English should include a copy of the original and a [certified English translation](#).

**✗ Do not submit original documents to USCIS!**

- Instead, submit high-quality color scans of documents like your passport.



## TPS Designated Countries

- Afghanistan
- [Burma \(Myanmar\)](#)
- Cameroon
- [El Salvador](#)
- [Haiti](#)
- [Honduras](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Nicaragua](#)
- [Somalia](#)
- [South Sudan](#)
- [Sudan](#)
- [Syria](#)
- [Ukraine](#)
- [Venezuela](#)
- [Yemen](#)

An initial TPS filing must include extensive evidence and documents to prove your eligibility for TPS on three facts:



## Fact #2: You have been living in the United States since the “Continuous Residence” Date.

To prove this, collect documents that prove you have been living in the United States since the date required for your country.

- You need to show that you have been living primarily in the United States since the “Continuous Residence” date for your country, which you can find on the country-specific TPS page on USCIS' website. In looking at “residence,” USCIS will examine whether you have been **primarily living in the United States during that period**, rather than spending weeks or months abroad.
- If your relevant entry to the United States was through a port of entry like an airport or land border crossing, the best evidence is usually your [I-94 arrival and departure records found here](#) which you can retrieve using your name, birthday, and passport information.
  - Those I-94 records should show a nearly-complete history of your travel into the United States in the recent past.
  - Be aware, however, that sometimes those records are incomplete or inconsistent, in which case you will need alternative evidence such as flight receipts or evidence that you were renting an apartment or home here from a certain date.
- If you entered without inspection (i.e., were not formally admitted to the United States), you should provide documents that demonstrate how long you have been here in the United States.
  - For example, did you enroll your kids in school or sign a lease agreement for an apartment once you arrived in the United States? If so, paperwork from your child's school or from the apartment might be able to show that you have been here since that date.
  - Other possible ways to prove this can be found in the [I-821 Instructions available here](#).

An initial TPS filing must include extensive evidence and documents to prove your eligibility for TPS on three facts:



### Fact #3: You have been physically present in the United States without interruption since the “Continuous Physical Presence” date.

You will need to show that you have been in the United States without interruption since the relevant date for your nationality. That means you need to show that **you have not traveled abroad** since that date to any country, for any period of time for any reason. The sole exception to this rule is if you traveled abroad using “advance parole” tied to a prior TPS grant.

You should try to collect and include as much evidence as you can along the following lines:

- Your [I-94 records](#) showing that you have not reentered the country in the relevant period.
- If you own a home or have been renting, documentation showing that you have been living in the United States continuously.
- Copies of all pages of your passport to show a lack of entry/exit stamps for other countries during the relevant period.
- Tax records showing that you filed yearly taxes during the relevant period.
- Bills that you have paid consistently each month during your stay in the United States (e.g. water or electric bills).
- Bank account statements showing that you have had an account continuously during the relevant period.



### What If Cannot Find This Evidence?

If you are struggling to find documents to establish these facts, **that does not mean that you cannot pursue TPS**. It may be possible in some cases to explain a lack of evidence using a declaration in which you explain why a document is missing and explain the issue. In that instance, **you should consult with a qualified immigration attorney who can help you assemble that kind of alternative evidence**.

## What to File for TPS:

You may need to include additional documents if you have criminal convictions, last resided in a TPS-eligible country but are not a citizen of it, or if you have other special circumstances. Please consult an immigration attorney for help in these cases.

- ✓ **Cover letter** (see [template](#))
- ✓ **Form G-1145** to receive a text or e-mail notification when USCIS receives the application
- ✓ Completed and signed **Form I-821**
- ✓ Completed and signed **Form I-765**, Application for Employment Authorization, if applying for an EAD
- ✓ [Checks for fees](#)
- ✓ [Nationality Proof:](#)
  - ✓ Copy of your **passport's biographic page** or
  - ✓ **Other form of photo identification proving nationality such as a national ID or a birth certificate**, if available
- ✓ [Residence Proof](#)
- ✓ [Continuous Physical Presence Proof](#)
- ✓ **Form I-94** ([Arrival/Departure Record](#)) or **entry stamp** from passport, if available
- ✓ Copy of the **visa used to enter the United States**, if applicable



Don't forget to **make a copy or scan of the whole application** for own your records before you file!

## When to File:

USCIS maintains a **specific webpage for each country** that has a TPS designation. Your country's page will have a chart with the dates of the registration period. Be sure to file on time!

- **Register well before the deadline** to avoid a late filing.
- Late initial filers must fill out three additional parts of the Form I-821 and explain why they failed to register during the initial period. For more details, please consult the [USCIS TPS page on "Late Filing."](#)



## Check Over Your Filing for Completeness.

You should carefully review that everything is in order before sending it to USCIS.





**Each TPS packet must be sent to a specific mailing address.** The correct address can vary based on your country of origin, where you are physically located in the United States, and how you are sending your package.

- Please pay close attention to any address differences based on where you are located and how you will send the package!
- For example, Venezuelan nationals must file in a different location if they are in the state of Florida.
- There are also different addresses if you use FedEx, DHL, or UPS to send your package than if you use the US Postal Service.



**Be sure to send your TPS application to the correct address to ensure proper processing!**

- You can find the appropriate address by going to the specific page for your country on USCIS' website [here](#), under “Countries Currently Designated for TPS.”
- On your country’s page, look for the address under “Where to File” that applies to you.
- File the application via **registered mail** for better tracking ability. Keep the receipt and tracking numbers for your records.



## You Did It! What to Expect After Filing

- If you include a G-1145, USCIS will send a text message or email with the receipt number.
- A receipt notice will also be mailed to you. Once you have the receipt number, you can look up the expected processing times for TPS [here](#) and check the status of your individual case [here](#).
- If you meet all the TPS criteria, you will receive an Approval Notice from USCIS indicating that you have Temporary Protected Status.
- If you applied for an EAD along with your TPS application and are approved, your EAD card will arrive in the mail.

**Notify USCIS if you change your address** to ensure that you receive all communications and notices. The form to change your address with USCIS is the **[Form AR-11, which can be completed online.](#)**

## The Whole Package: What To Submit for TPS Renewal

If you have previously received TPS and your country continues to be designated for TPS, you do not need to present extensive evidence in your re-registration filing (though USCIS may later request it). You may need to include additional documents if you have criminal convictions or any major changes since you last were granted TPS. Please [consult an immigration attorney for help](#) in these cases.

- ✓ **Cover letter** (see [template](#))
- ✓ **Form G-1145** to receive a text or e-mail notification when USCIS receives the application
- ✓ Completed and signed **Form I-821**
- ✓ Completed and signed **Form I-765**, Application for Employment Authorization, if applying for an EAD
- ✓ A copy of the front and back of your **present EAD card**
- ✓ **Checks** for fees
- ✓ **Evidence You Received TPS Before:**
  - The USCIS Approval Notice granting you TPS (typically a Form I-797) **or**
  - Immigration Court document showing a TPS grant, such as a final order from an Immigration judge or final decision from the BIA

The **only additional information** you should provide is proof that you received TPS before. The following documents may serve as proof:

**✗ Do not submit original documents to USCIS!**

**✓ Instead, submit high-quality copies of your approval notice.**

## When to File:

**USCIS maintains a specific webpage for each country** that has a TPS designation. Your country's page (hyperlinked at right) will have a chart with the dates for the re-registration period. Please be sure to file on time!

- **Re-register to renew your TPS well before the deadline** to avoid a late filing.
- Late filings for renewal require more information, and may be treated as late initial filings in some cases. More details are available on the [USCIS page under "Late Filing."](#)



## Is Your Country Still Designated for TPS?

USCIS maintains the [list of current countries here](#). Countries below are current as of writing.

- [Afghanistan](#)
- [Burma \(Myanmar\)](#)
- [Cameroon](#)
- [El Salvador](#)
- [Haiti](#)
- [Honduras](#)
- [Nepal](#)
- [Nicaragua](#)
- [Somalia](#)
- [South Sudan](#)
- [Sudan](#)
- [Syria](#)
- [Ukraine](#)
- [Venezuela](#)
- [Yemen](#)



### Check your filing carefully to ensure completeness.

- You should carefully review that everything is in order before sending it to USCIS.

**Make a copy or scan of the whole application** for own your records before you file.



**Identify the right mailing address and send.** The correct address can vary based on your country of origin, where you are physically located in the United States, and how you are sending your package.

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# Paying the Filing Fees

- Because there are many variables, consult the [USCIS fee calculator](#) to find out the most up-to-date information on what you need to pay. If you are helping additional relatives file for TPS, check the fee calculator for each person to be sure to pay the right fee.
- The fees required for the EAD application can vary by:
  - Your **age**, (younger than 14, 14-65 years old, and 66 and older),
  - If you are seeking an **initial TPS or a renewal TPS**, and
  - whether you are **requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD)** using Form I-765 or not.
- Amazon will reimburse for Employees' EAD filing fees and biometric fees. For instructions on how to submit reimbursements, please visit the [Welcome Door website](#).
- Be sure to enclose a separate check for EACH fee.**
  - For example, if the fee calculator indicated you need to pay for the Form I-821, the Form I-765, and for biometrics, you would write three separate checks and indicate in the "for" or "memo" line your A-Number and what fee the check covers as shown.



**Check 1: Biometrics**

YOUR NAME  
123 YOUR STREET  
YOUR CITY, STATE, ZIP  
(123)456-7890

9-5678/1234 0301

DATE Month day, 2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF U.S. Department of Homeland Security \$ \$85.00

Eighty-five dollars and 0/100

YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION  
ANYTOWN, USA

MEMO Biometrics A#123456789 Signature

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**Check 2: Form I-821**

YOUR NAME  
123 YOUR STREET  
YOUR CITY, STATE, ZIP  
(123)456-7890

9-5678/1234

DATE Month day, 2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF U.S. Department of Homeland Security \$ \$50.00

Fifty dollars and 0/100

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**Check 3: Form I-765**

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Four hundred and ten dollars and 0/100

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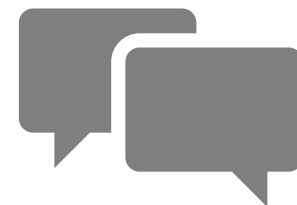
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## Fee Payment: Best Practices for Tracking

We recommend that you pay any fees associated with your TPS application by personal check for better tracking. The check should be made payable to "US Department of Homeland Security" as shown below. You can learn about [additional ways to pay USCIS fees here](#).

- All documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified English translation.
  - ✓ Do include high-quality color copies of the original with the certified translation into English on top.
  - ✗ **Do not submit original documents** to USCIS; a high-quality color scan of a document like your passport or a birth certificate is fine.
- **A professional translator is not necessary**, but the translator must certify and sign that he or she knows both English and the foreign language well enough to provide a faithful, correct translation.
- Translators can certify their translations by modifying the following language and inserting it at the end of the translated document along with their signature and the date of the translation:



I, [NAME], am fluent in the English and [INSERT LANGUAGE NAME] languages. I have made the above translation from a copy of the original document [“TITLE OR DESCRIPTION OF DOCUMENT”] in the [INSERT ORIGINAL LANGUAGE] language and hereby certify that it is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge.

- **For example**, the following signed statement would properly certify a document’s translation:

I, Maria Escobar-Padilla, am fluent in the English and Spanish languages. I have made the above translation from a copy of the original document “Venezuelan Birth Certificate of Juan Alvarez-Perez” in the Spanish language and hereby certify that it is a true and accurate translation to the best of my knowledge.

*Maria Escobar-Padilla*

Date: May 7, 2021



We recommend having an attorney or accredited representative help you if you have factors that could complicate your case, such as criminal activity. The US government does not provide legal representatives, so you will need to find your own.

A [good legal representative](#) can give you the best chance for a good result on your complex case.

## Who can represent me?

### Licensed Attorney = Licensed Lawyer

The words lawyer and attorney refer to the same job. Only lawyers who have a **valid bar license from a US state** or territory should practice law. There are many kinds of law. For asylum or other complex immigration filings, you will most likely want an **immigration attorney**, a person who specializes in US immigration law. Immigration lawyers may be in private practice on their own or they may work at a law firm or another organization like a non-profit or charity.

### Accredited Representative

The US Department of Justice authorizes certain non-profit legal service providers to employ accredited representatives. Accredited representatives are not attorneys but are qualified to represent immigrants. [Click here](#) for the list of all active recognized organizations and their accredited representatives.

## Where can I find immigration help? The following links are good starting points:

- The Executive Office of Immigration Review has a [list of free and low-cost legal service providers](#) that you can search by state.
- Immigration Advocates Network has a [directory of free or low-cost immigration legal services](#) as well.
- The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) allows you to search for individual lawyers based on the type of help you need and language that the lawyer speaks. Lawyers on [AILA's Lawyer Search](#) are AILA members and have a currently valid state bar license.

## Costs Vary.

- It is always a good idea to ask about the fees and any payment options in advance and agree to the price in writing.
- Some lawyers and organizations offer immigration legal services **pro bono**, meaning for free or at a low cost (often based on your income).

This page offers some tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of immigration fraud and ensure that a legal representative is worthy of your trust.

## Check that the legal representative you are considering has the right credentials.

- **Attorneys must be properly licensed to practice law.** This means they will have a bar license or number from a state or territory.
  - Because immigration laws are federal (and do not vary by state), immigration attorneys may be licensed to practice law in another state from the state where you live. You can ask the attorney to specify the states in which s/he is admitted.
  - If you are represented by law students through a university law clinic, those students should be supervised by a fully licensed attorney who can practice law.
- **All accredited representatives are listed [here on the Department of Justice website](#).**
- Check here to make sure your legal representative **does not** appear on [the list of people disciplined for or banned from practicing immigration law](#).

## Other tips to protect yourself.

- ✓ • **Be sure you have copies of or access to all filings made for you.** You have a right to this information and may need it in the future.
- ✗ • **Do not sign blank forms or documents.** Counsel must allow you to review the completed forms and accompanying materials before signing. You will be personally responsible for the information they contain.
- **Do not pay for forms.** All forms are available for free on the USCIS website.
- **If your representative asks you to include or say something you know is not true, do not do it!** Find new counsel immediately because this person is not honest. Lies on immigration forms can have serious consequences for your immigration case, and explaining that your counsel told you to lie will not keep those consequences from happening. Please do not risk it.

**I have other pending immigration filings, such as asylum or family-based adjustment. Should I still file for TPS, and, if so, how do those filings interact?**

If you applied for another immigration benefit but have not yet received a positive adjudication, we recommend that you apply for TPS if you qualify. TPS does not preclude you from securing other immigration benefits that you are eligible for but acts as a safety net while you wait. Applying for TPS has no effect on asylum or other applications, though an asylum officer or an Immigration Judge may ask whether you have applied for TPS.

**Should I apply for TPS for my children also?**

If your children were born in a country of origin that would qualify them for TPS, yes! We recommend you register them for TPS also. Every person, regardless of age, must submit a full and complete application, as there is no derivative status for TPS. If you have children who were born in the United States, they are US citizens by birth and do not require you to submit a TPS application on their behalf.

**My relative arrived in the United States from a qualifying country of origin a few days after the continuous residence and physical date. Can they still apply for TPS if they meet all other requirements?**

Unfortunately not, unless the TPS requirements for your country change. We encourage you to monitor the TPS country page relevant to your country to receive the latest information on any modifications to dates or requirements.

**I have moved. How do I update my address with USCIS?**

It is essential that you keep the US government up-to-date on where you move to ensure you receive notices, your EAD (if requested), and more. Notify the government as soon as you change your address. The form to change your address with USCIS is the [Form AR-11, Alien's Change of Address](#). Complete this form online.

If you are in Immigration Court proceedings, you will also need to file a Form EOIR-33, Change of Address, using the [proper PDF for the immigration court](#) judging your case. As you will see on the form itself, you are required to send a copy of the EOIR-33 to the court **and** a proof of service to the Office of Chief Counsel for DHS/ICE. You can find the correct [mailing addresses for ICE counsel here](#).

**I missed the registration or re-registration deadlines to apply for TPS for my country. Can I still apply?**

If you missed the registration period, you may still be able to file late if you meet certain conditions. Visit the [USCIS TPS website and select heading "Late Filing"](#) to learn more about what to do based on the situation that applies to you. Follow the instructions carefully. In some cases, you will need to fill out additional sections on the Form I-821.

**What can I do if my TPS application is denied?**

You may have a right to appeal, file a motion to re-open, or seek TPS from an Immigration judge. The USCIS denial notice will indicate whether you can appeal the decision or not. Visit the [USCIS TPS website and select heading "Appealing a Denial"](#) to better understand your options in case of a denial. We suggest seeking counsel from an immigration attorney if you choose to pursue TPS after receiving a denial.

We know that sometimes people will not have documents, especially if they may have fled their countries quickly or if records were damaged or lost due to disasters. Here we provide some alternative documentation ideas if you do not have documents from your home country.

- If a birth certificate is not available, you can **provide a document from a religious institution** where a religious rite occurred within two months of birth **that indicates the child's date of birth, the date of the ceremony, and the names of the parents.**
- **School documents and census records may also be used** when no other evidence is available.
- For TPS specifically, if you are struggling to find evidence that proves your entry and presence in the United States or cannot provide any of the alternatives above to establish that you meet the eligibility criteria, we recommend that you consult with a qualified immigration attorney who can help you assemble alternative evidence.
- In some cases, you may be able to **submit affidavits (written signed statements) from individuals who can swear they have personal knowledge of your birth, nationality, etc.**
  - Affidavits must be signed and should include the person's full name, address, date and place of birth, and relationship to you, and provide relevant details and how they acquired the knowledge.

