

Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Haiti August 2021



Update: On **August 03, 2021** a long-awaited [Federal Register](#) notice regarding the redesignation of **TPS for Haiti** has finally been published! This comes after the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) first announced their decision to redesignate Haiti for TPS on May 22, 2021. This *now* enables current Haitian TPS holders and first-time initial applicants to apply for TPS protection and have the possibility of receiving a work permit, among other benefits.

What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)? TPS is a temporary, renewable, program for people in the United States who are temporarily unable to return safely to their country.

How have people applied for TPS and what are the benefits? TPS applicants can only apply for the first time during a designated country-specific time period. TPS beneficiaries are issued a work permit and protection against deportation. They can also travel with an approved advance parole document. *As of now*, TPS may be held by people from El Salvador, Honduras, Haiti, Nepal, Nicaragua, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, Somalia and Burma.

What does the redesignation of Haiti mean? This designation enables current TPS holders to re-register for TPS during the registration period, and for **initial first-time** applications to be submitted.

How can Haitians apply for TPS? During the registration period, **August 03, 2021** through **February 23, 2023**, Haitians are eligible to submit their TPS (Form I-821) application and apply for a work permit and permission to travel (advance parole) with USCIS.

What are the eligibility requirements? Haitian nationals or individuals without nationality who last resided in Haiti must **file** for TPS during the registration period and demonstrate, among other eligibilities:

- continuous residence in the United States as of **July 29, 2021**; and
- continuous physical presence in the United States since **August 03, 2021**.

What can I do if I have more questions? If you think you are eligible, you should consult with a trusted immigration attorney or accredited representative to explore their options and come out to our weekly committee meetings to join us in our fight for a pathway to citizenship for all.

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