



Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Venezuela

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Update: The Biden Administration announced the *extension* of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelan TPS holders and the *re-designation* of TPS for new Venezuelan applicants who arrived in the United States before **July 31, 2023**. The **Federal Register** notice has been [published](#).

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

What does the extension mean for Venezuelans who *currently have* TPS? The *extension* for current TPS holders (Venezuela 2021) will run from **March 11, 2024** through **September 10, 2025** and enables current TPS holders to re-register for TPS. Current TPS holders **must** wait until the 60-day re-registration period beginning on **January 10, 2024** through **March 10, 2024** to submit their application.

What does the re-designation mean for Venezuelans *without* TPS? The *re-designation* allows initial (first-time) applications to be submitted as of **October 03, 2023** and offers an 18-month protection through **April 02, 2025**. If applying for TPS for the first time, you may submit your application during the registration period beginning on **October 03, 2023** through **April 02, 2025**.

What are the eligibility requirements to apply for TPS for the first time? Venezuelan nationals or individuals without nationality who last resided in Venezuela must **file** for TPS during the registration period and demonstrate, among other eligibility, continuous residence in the United States on or before **July 31, 2023**; and continuous physical presence in the United States since **October 3, 2023**.

What are the benefits of applying for TPS? In addition to being protected against deportation, a TPS applicant (current and new) can apply for TPS-related benefits, such as a work permit (Form I-765) and permission to travel (Form I-131).

What are the fees associated with filing for TPS?

The filing fee for **current** TPS holders re-registering:

- TPS Application (Form I-821): **\$85** for the biometrics fee (**\$0** if younger than 14 years old)
 - If filing for a work permit the total is **\$495**, which includes the TPS application biometrics fee (or **\$410** if younger than 14 years old)

The filing fee for **initial (first-time)** applicants:

- TPS Application (Form I-821): **\$135**, which includes the **application** and **biometrics fee** (or **\$50** if younger than 14 years old);
 - If filing for a work permit the total is **\$545**, which includes the TPS application and biometrics fee. (or **\$50** if younger than 14 years old or **\$135** if 66 years and older);

Please note: An applicant may be eligible for a fee waiver, thus these fees could be waived.

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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