



## Temporary Protected Status (TPS): Venezuela

**December 2023**

As a reminder, the Biden Administration extended Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Venezuelan TPS holders and *re-designated* TPS for new Venezuelan applicants who arrived in the United States before **July 31, 2023**. Federal Register notice [here](#).

**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** re-register for TPS (Venezuela 2021) during the 60-day re-registration period beginning on **January 10, 2024** through **March 10, 2024**.

**What does the re-designation mean for Venezuelans *without* TPS?** As of **October 03, 2023**, the *re-designation* has allowed new Venezuelans to file their initial (first-time) applications and offers them an 18-month protection through **April 02, 2025**. If you are applying for TPS (Venezuela 2023) for the first time, you must submit your application during the registration period, currently open 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 your 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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