

TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS- HAITI

Are you Haitian? Did come to the U.S. BEFORE January 12, 2011? Good News!!

- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) provides a temporary protection in the United States for Haitians after the earthquake and before January 12, 2011. TPS is available until January 22, 2013, unless it is extended. More information at www.USCIS.gov under Temporary Protected Status.
- A grant of TPS is temporary but will allow:
 - Work authorization, so long as terms and conditions are met
 - Filing for an adjustment of status based on immigrant petition
 - Travel with approval

DEADLINES:

- **New registrants must complete the entire registration process by NOVEMBER 15, 2011**
- **Renewing registrants must complete renewals by August 22, 2011.**

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR TPS?

- You are Haitian AND Haiti was your last home.
 - Suggested documents to prove nationality and last residence:
 - Copy of Haitian passport or identity card,
 - Copy of Haitian naturalization document, national documentation issued by the Haitian Embassy or Consulate in the United States,
 - Copy of birth certificate,
 - Copy of baptismal certificates if it indicates your Haitian nationality or parent's Haitian nationality.
 - All documents must be translated into English and certified in compliance. (USCIS guidelines for this can be found online)
- You have continuously lived in the United States since January 12, 2011,
 - First, to show when you arrived, submit:
 - Asylum officer interview
 - I-213 record of inadmissible alien
 - Passport
 - I-94 Arrival/Departure Form
 - Second, to show you remained in the United States, submit:
 - Employment records including pay stubs, W-2, tax returns
 - Rent receipts, utility bills
 - School records
 - Medical or hospital bills
 - Dated bank transactions including money orders
 - License or vehicle registration
 - Any other relevant documentation

YOU MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR TPS IF YOU HAVE:

- One felony conviction
- Two misdemeanor convictions

FORMS: (all forms are available at: www.USCIS.gov)

- All forms must be filed at the same time, along with all fees or a Request for Fee Waiver (I-912)
- The Application for Temporary Status (I-821) is used for both registration and re-registration
- Application for Employment Authorization (I-765) must be filed by all people, even those not seeking employment

FEES:

- The Application for Temporary Status (I-821) - \$50 for all applicants
- Application for Employment Authorization (I-765) must be filed by all people, even those not seeking employment
 - For those between the ages of 14 and 65, the fee is \$380
 - No fee for those not wishing to get employment authorization
 - No fee for those who want employment authorization and are 66 years and older or 13 years old and younger.
- Biometrics (fingerprints)- \$85 for all applicants over the age of 14
- Request for Fee Waiver (I-912) is available

TPS GRANTED BY AN IMMIGRATION JUDGE OR THE BIA

- If TPS is granted by an Immigration Judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), employment authorization may be obtained by filing:
 - A copy of the BIA or Immigration Judge's Order
 - Application for Employment (I-765).
 - Applicant must notify USCIS through special e-mail address. Instructions at the www.USCIS.gov under "Granted TPS by an Immigration Judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals."

WHAT IF I HAVE A PRIOR REMOVAL ORDER?:

- You are still eligible to apply for TPS. However, once your TPS expires, the removal order will be enforced.