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Fact Sheet: Temporary Protected Status El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua

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UPDATE: On September 8, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) extended the re-registration period for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua. A new FRN for this re-registration extension will be published soon.

On June 21, 2023, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published Federal Register notices (FRNs) announcing the rescission of the 2017 and 2018 terminations of the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designations of [El Salvador](#), [Honduras](#), [Nepal](#), and [Nicaragua](#) effective June 9, 2023, and the extension of the those countries' TPS designations. All TPS holders from these countries are required to re-register during their country's re-registration period.

Country	Status of TPS	Current End Date	Re-Registration Period
El Salvador	Extended by DHS on June 21, 2023	March 9, 2025 Also, as long as the preliminary injunction in Ramos remains in effect.	July 12, 2023 – March 9, 2025
Honduras	Extended by DHS on June 21, 2023	July 5, 2025 Also, as long as the preliminary injunction in Ramos and the existing stay of proceedings order in Bhattarai v. Nielsen remain in effect.	November 6, 2023 – July 5, 2025
Nepal	Extended by DHS on June 21, 2023	June 24, 2025 Also, as long as the preliminary injunction in Ramos and the existing stay of proceedings order in Bhattarai v. Nielsen remain in effect.	October 24, 2023 – June 24, 2025
Nicaragua	Extended by DHS on June 21, 2023	July 5, 2025 Also, as long as the preliminary injunction in Ramos remains in effect.	November 6, 2023 – July 5, 2025

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This is not legal advice.

What is temporary protected status (TPS)?

TPS is granted by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to eligible foreign-born individuals who are unable to return home safely due to conditions or circumstances preventing their return to their home country.

During the designated TPS period, TPS holders are not removable from the United States and not detainable by DHS based on their immigration status. TPS holders are eligible for an employment authorization document (EAD) and for travel authorization.

What does the extension of TPS for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua mean?

This extension enables current TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua to apply to extend their TPS status. To receive the TPS extension you must re-register during the re-registration period.

The [Federal Register notice \(FRN\) from November 2022](#) still automatically extends the validity of TPS-related Employment Authorization Documents (EADs); Notices of Action (Forms I-797); and Arrival/Departure Records (Forms I-94), (collectively “TPS-related documentation”) for TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua until June 30, 2024.

Who is eligible for TPS under this extension?

Only current TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua are eligible for the extension if they otherwise continue to meet eligibility requirements.

*If you previously had TPS under these countries’ designations but you failed to re-register for TPS during a prior registration period, talk with an immigration attorney before filing to re-register for TPS.

How long will eligible individuals have protection under TPS?

TPS is a temporary status. The Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas is extending TPS for current TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua.

- **El Salvador** from September 10, 2023, through March 9, 2025
- **Honduras** from January 6, 2024, through July 5, 2025
- **Nepal** from December 25, 2023, through June 24, 2025
- **Nicaragua** from January 6, 2024, through July 5, 2025

When are the re-registration periods? **UPDATED**

You must re-register during the re-registration period to extend your TPS status. The 18-month re-registration period under the designation of:

- **El Salvador** now runs through March 9, 2025
- **Honduras** now runs through July 5, 2025
- **Nepal** now runs through June 24, 2025
- **Nicaragua** now runs through July 5, 2025

A new FRN for this re-registration extension will be published soon.

How long is my EAD valid now?

Your Employment Authorization Document (EAD) is still valid through June 30, 2024. You can also apply for a new EAD that will be valid as long as you have protection under a TPS designation.

How do I prove my EAD was extended?

To prove your EAD is extended until June 30, 2024, TPS holders can show their EADs and the [Federal Register Notice](#) to employers to demonstrate that DHS has extended your EAD and employment authorization through June 30, 2024. The Federal Register notice explains how TPS holders and their employers may determine which EADs are automatically extended.

El Salvador

This extension of TPS for El Salvador is from September 10, 2023, through March 9, 2025, so long as you otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. [El Salvador Federal Register Notice](#)

I am from El Salvador and currently have TPS. Do I need to re-register? **UPDATED**

Yes. Current TPS holders under the El Salvador TPS designation need to re-register to maintain TPS. You must re-register during the re-registration period that runs from July 12, 2023, through March 9, 2025.

You can also apply for a new EAD that will be valid until March 9, 2025.

I am from El Salvador and do not currently have TPS, may I apply?

If you never had TPS for El Salvador, you cannot apply for TPS now. If you previously had TPS for El Salvador but failed to re-register for TPS during a prior registration period, talk with an immigration attorney before filing to re-register for TPS.

Honduras

This extension of TPS for Honduras is from January 6, 2024, through July 5, 2025, so long as you otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. [Honduras Federal Register Notice](#)

I am from Honduras and currently have TPS. Do I need to re-register? **UPDATED**

Yes. Current TPS holders under the TPS designation for Honduras need to re-register to maintain TPS. You must re-register during the re-registration period that runs from November 6, 2023, through July 5, 2025.

You can also apply for a new EAD that will be valid until July 5, 2025.

I am from Honduras and do not currently have TPS, may I apply?

If you never had TPS for Honduras, you cannot apply for TPS now. If you previously had TPS for Honduras but failed to re-register for TPS during a prior registration period, talk with an immigration attorney before filing to re-register for TPS.

Nepal

This extension of TPS for Nepal is from December 25, 2023, through June 24, 2025, so long as you otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. [Nepal Federal Register Notice](#)

I am from Nepal and currently have TPS. Do I need to re-register? UPDATED

Yes. Current TPS holders under the TPS designation for Nepal need to re-register to maintain TPS. You must re-register during the re-registration period for existing beneficiaries that runs from October 24, 2023, through June 24, 2025.

You can also apply for a new EAD that will be valid until June 24, 2025.

I am from Nepal and do not currently have TPS, may I apply?

If you never had TPS for Nepal, you cannot apply for TPS now. If you previously had TPS for Nepal but failed to re-register for TPS during a prior registration period, talk with an immigration attorney before filing to re-register for TPS.

Nicaragua

This extension of TPS for Nicaragua is from January 6, 2024, through July 5, 2025, so long as you otherwise continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS. [Nicaragua Federal Register Notice](#)

I am from Nicaragua and currently have TPS. Do I need to re-register? UPDATED

Yes. Current TPS holders under the TPS designation for Nicaragua need to re-register to maintain TPS. You must re-register during the re-registration period for existing beneficiaries that runs from November 6, 2023, through July 5, 2025.

You can also apply for a new EAD that will be valid until July 5, 2025.

I am from Nicaragua and do not currently have TPS, may I apply?

If you never had TPS for Nicaragua, you cannot apply for TPS now. If you previously had TPS for Nicaragua but failed to re-register for TPS during a prior registration period, talk with an immigration attorney before filing to re-register for TPS.

Get Help

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