

Temporary Protected Status (TPS)



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TPS REGISTRATION OPEN FOR VENEZUELAN NATIONALS

The federal government announced an expansion of TPS for Venezuelans who entered the United States before July 31, 2023. This means that Venezuelans nationals who entered the United States before July 31, 2023 might be eligible to apply for TPS and a work permit.

If you wish to apply for TPS for the first time, you may now apply. First-time applicants must apply before April 2, 2025.

To apply, you must submit the following forms to USCIS:

- Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

To qualify, you must:

- Be a Venezuelan national/citizen.
- Have been continuously residing in the U.S. since July 31, 2023.
- Have maintained a continuous physical presence since October 2, 2023 and
- Must register within the specified registration period (October 3, 2023 - April 2, 2025).

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

As part of your application, you will need to gather evidence that:

- You are a national/citizen of Venezuela
 - Examples: birth certificate, national identity document with your picture/fingerprint, issued by your country.
- You have been continuously residing in the U.S. since July 31, 2023.
 - Examples: bank statements, utility bills, cellphone bills, entry documents, receipts.
- You have maintained a continuous physical presence in the U.S. since October 3, 2023.
 - Examples: rent receipts, utility bills, letters from companies, school records, hospital or medical records, or letters from your church.

MISSING ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTS?

If you don't have the above documentation, there are secondary forms of evidence that immigration will accept. These scenarios will be examined on a case-by-case basis.

APPLYING FOR TPS AND ASYLUM

Individuals who have applied for asylum or are seeking to apply for asylum may still apply for TPS. Individuals who missed their one-year deadline to apply for asylum can still apply for TPS.

TPS FILING FEE

You may be asked to pay a fee to apply for TPS. For more information on the cost visit <https://www.uscis.gov/i-821>

AVOIDING TPS SCAMS

Only a licensed attorney or a DOJ accredited representative can file applications on your behalf.

- Beware of fraudulent providers who may make false promises such as:
 - A way to get a work permit or visa immediately
 - Statements indicating there are no risks or consequences
 - Claims of special influence with immigration authorities.

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COUNTRIES RECENTLY REDESIGNATED FOR TPS

Individuals from the following countries should visit uscis.gov/tips to speak with an immigration attorney to understand their eligibility and how to apply

-  **Cameroon** - extended and redesignated for 18 months, from December 8, 2023 through June 7, 2025
-  **Afghanistan** - extended and redesignated for 18 months, from November 21, 2023 through May 20, 2025
-  **South Sudan** - extended and redesignated for 18 months, from November 4, 2023 through May 3, 2025
-  **Sudan** - extended and redesignated for 18 months, from October 20, 2023 through April 19, 2025
-  **Ukraine** - extended and redesignated for 18 months, from October 20, 2023 through April 19, 2025

This is not a complete list of countries currently designated for TPS and includes only those recently redesignated.



RESOURCES FOR WORKING LEGALLY IN THE U.S.



RESOURCES FOR REQUESTING A FEE WAIVER

