



Making Sense of the Administration's Decisions on Temporary Protected Status: A Quick Guide for Temporary Protected Status Holders

The Department of Homeland Security, or DHS, will decide whether to extend TPS for seven countries in 2017 and 2018. The government is required to make these decisions 60 days before the end of the country's current TPS designation. This resource will help you understand the decisions and how you can prepare.

What you need to know if DHS TERMINATES TPS for your country

- If DHS terminates a country's TPS, TPS holders from that country are no longer eligible for extensions of TPS beyond the announced end date.
- A termination decision does not affect your current TPS and work authorization until the end date.
- DHS is required to provide people with advance notice when it terminates a country's TPS designation. The length of notice can vary from 60 days to 18 months. You can check which applies to you at uscis.org/TPS.
- Unless your country receives a 60-day termination, you will be able to apply to re-register to extend your TPS status and obtain an extended work authorization.
- Once the termination period ends, your immigration status will go back to what it was before you held TPS.

What you need to know if DHS CANNOT MAKE A DECISION for your country

- If DHS does not make a decision about your country's TPS 60 days before it is set to end, the country receives an automatic six-month extension.
- You may be able to re-register during an automatic extension if you wish to extend your TPS status and obtain an extended work authorization.
- DHS will still need to decide whether to extend or terminate TPS 60-days before the end of the automatic six-month extension.

For the latest information, visit: cliniclegal.org/tps

Steps TPS holders can take now to prepare

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Consult with a qualified legal services provider about your TPS, re-registration, what your previous status was, and your other immigration options. You can find a list of low-cost legal services providers at: cliniclegal.org/directory

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Learn if you qualify for a USCIS filing fee waiver. Find information at uscis.gov/feewaiver.

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Save your money. You may need it to apply to re-register or for other costs.

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Read CLINIC's TPS frequently asked questions: cliniclegal.org/resources/temporary-protected-status-terminations-what-you-should-know

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Know where to find accurate information about TPS decisions and deadlines. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, or USCIS, provides information about TPS at [USCIS.gov/TPS](https://uscis.gov/TPS).

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Understand how the process will work. The Federal Register will provide information about the process, deadlines, and maintaining your TPS status and work authorization. The re-registration window is 60 days. [USCIS.gov/TPS](https://uscis.gov/TPS) will be updated to reflect this information.

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Only accept help from a licensed lawyer or an accredited representative. *Notarios* will often promise guaranteed solutions for complicated immigration problems or say that they have special contacts with the government—this is never true! Learn more at: cliniclegal.org/notario

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