



# Press Release

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## **EL SALVADOR TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS RE-REGISTRATION OPENS** *Employment Authorization Documents Automatically Extended to March 9, 2008*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced the publication of a *Federal Register* notice extending the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation for El Salvador until March 9, 2009. There are approximately 234,000 nationals of El Salvador (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in El Salvador) who may be eligible to re-register their Employment Authorization Documents (EADs). Under this extension, nationals of El Salvador who have already been granted TPS are eligible to live and work in the United States for an additional 18 months. The extension of the TPS designation of El Salvador is effective on September 10, 2007, and will remain in effect until March 9, 2009. Nationals of El Salvador who have been granted TPS previously must re-register for the 18-month extension during the 60-day re-registration period, which begins August 21, 2007 and ends October 22, 2007.

Additionally, in the *Federal Register* notice DHS has extended the validity of the current EADs for eligible Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries for six months until March 9, 2008. This applies to EADs issued to Salvadorans bearing the notation “A-12” or “C-19” on the card under “Category” and with (1) an expiration date of July 5, 2006, or September 9, 2006 on the face of the card and a September 2007 DHS-issued extension sticker on the back, or (2) an expiration date of September 30, 2007 on the face of the card. The six-month extension will allow sufficient time for eligible TPS beneficiaries to re-register and receive a new EAD without any lapse in employment authorization. This year, all applicants whose TPS re-registration is approved and who request EADs will receive new cards, no stickers will be issued.

New filing fees for all USCIS benefits, including the TPS re-registration program for nationals of El Salvador, became effective on July 30, 2007. To re-register for TPS under the extension, a TPS beneficiary must submit an *Application for Temporary Protected Status* (Form I-821) without the filing fee, an *Application for Employment Authorization* (Form I-765) with the filing fee or a fee waiver request, and a \$80 biometrics services fee or fee waiver request for each applicant age 14 and older as well as registrants younger than age 14 who are requesting an EAD. If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS and not seeking an extension of employment authorization, there is no filing fee for the Form I-765, but the applicant must still file the Form I-765 for the TPS extension. All applicants seeking an extension of employment authorization documentation until March 9, 2009 must submit a \$340 filing fee with Form I-765.

More information is available from the USCIS National Customer Service Center toll-free number, 800-375-5283. TPS forms are available from the toll-free USCIS Forms line, 800-870-3676, or from the USCIS Web site: [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov).

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