



Immigration Update Pertaining to Venezuela and the Extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) extended Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months, through March 10, 2024.

What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) may designate a foreign country for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) due to conditions in the country that temporarily prevent the country's nationals from returning safely, or in certain circumstances, where the country is unable to handle the return of its nationals adequately. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) may grant TPS to eligible nationals of certain countries (or parts of countries), who are already in the United States. Eligible individuals without nationality who last resided in the designated country may also be granted TPS.

What does this announcement mean?

The extension of TPS for Venezuela allows Venezuelan nationals (and individuals without nationality who last resided in Venezuela) who have continuously resided in the United States since March 8, 2021, been continuously physically present since March 9, 2021, and who have previously registered for TPS to re-register for TPS from September 8, 2022 through November 7, 2022.

Those who had their initial application for TPS pending as of September 8, 2022, do not have to file to re-register for TPS. In addition, DHS automatically extended the validity of work authorizations previously issued under the TPS designation for Venezuela through September 9, 2023.

When can I apply for TPS?

Those who already have TPS must re-register during a 60-day period from September 8, 2022 through November 7, 2022 in order to maintain TPS until March 10, 2024.

How do I apply?

We recommend consulting a lawyer to discuss TPS re-registration and to learn more about what documents you need to include in your application.

For more information about TPS and referrals to free legal service providers, you can call the New Americans Hotline at (800) 566-7636, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

For additional information, you can also contact Action NYC at (800) 354-0365 – Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. – to connect with City-funded, free and safe immigration legal help.

As of October 31, 2022