

What countries are currently designated for TPS?

Afghanistan | Burma (Myanmar)
Cameroon | El Salvador | Haiti
Honduras | Nepal | Nicaragua
Syria | Sudan | South Sudan |
Somalia | Ukraine
Venezuela | Yemen

TPS is granted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to eligible individuals who are unable to return to their home country safely due to dangerous or extraordinary circumstances. It has been a lifeline to hundreds of thousands of foreign individuals in the U.S. However, TPS holders are in a constant limbo regarding their legal status, as they are not citizens and have to keep re-registering for TPS. The U.S. currently provides TPS to over 400,000 foreign nationals.

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When can the DHS Secretary designate a country for TPS?

The DHS Secretary can designate a country for TPS due to:

- Ongoing armed conflict (such as civil war)
- An environmental disaster (such as earthquake or hurricane), or an epidemic
- Other extraordinary or temporary conditions

What does TPS mean for those who are eligible?

During a designated period, TPS holders:

- Are not removable from the U.S. and not detainable by DHS on the basis of his or her immigration status,
- Are eligible for an employment authorization document (EAD), and
- Are eligible for travel authorization.
- Cannot be detained by DHS on the basis of their immigration status

How do TPS holders contribute to our economy?

Recent data estimate that TPS holders from El Salvador, Honduras, and Haiti contribute a combined \$4.5 billion in pre-tax wages or salary income annually to our nation's gross domestic product.

Total Social Security and Medicare contributions of those individuals is estimated at more than \$6.9 billion over a decade. Around 130,000 TPS holders are "essential critical infrastructure workers", helping with economic recovery during the COVID-pandemic

How long are TPS designations?

TPS designations can be made for 6,12 or 18 months at a time, with 18 months being the most common length. At least 60 days before the date of expirations, the DHS Secretary decides whether to extend or terminate the designation based on the country's current situation. There is no limit on the number of extensions or length of time for a TPS designation.

Who is eligible for TPS?

TPS can be granted to an individual who is a national of a country designated for TPS, and has been continuously physically present in the U.S. since a designated date.

How can I support TPS holders?

Deporting TPS holders back to their homelands would tear families apart and create hardships for many poor countries. Unless Congress acts soon, hundreds of thousands of people could be deported back to their home countries shaped by violence and crisis when their TPS designations expire in 2022 and 2023. We must act now to create a path to citizenship for TPS holders!

Lean more on how you can take action!

<https://www.alianzaamericas.org/save-tps/>

<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/what-we-are-working-on/immigration/tps/>

<https://www.nationaltpsalliance.org/about-us/take-action/>

Temporary Protected Status (TPS): An Overview

Country	When was TPS last issued?	When is it scheduled to end?	Why did this country receive TPS?	Schedule d to end?
Afghanistan	May 20, 2022	November 20, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict against the Taliban and the Islamic State	Yes
Burma (Myanmar)	May 25, 2021	November 25, 2022	Military coup resulting in humanitarian crisis	Yes
Cameroon	June 7, 2022	December 7, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict in North- and Southwest Cameroon	Yes
El Salvador	March 9, 2001	December 31, 2022	Environmental disaster (El Salvador Earthquakes)	No
Haiti	August 3, 2021	February 3, 2023	Ongoing political crisis and violence (initially 2010 Earthquake)	No
Honduras	January 5, 1999	December 31, 2022	Environmental disaster (damage associated with Hurricane Mitch)	No
Nepal	June 24, 2015	December 31, 2022	Environmental disaster (Earthquake)	No
Nicaragua	January 5, 1999	December 31, 2022	Environmental disaster (damage associated with Hurricane Mitch)	No
Syria	March 31, 2021	September 30, 2022	Ongoing armed conflict (initially Syrian Civil War)	Yes
Somalia	September 18, 2021	March 17, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict (initially Somali Civil War)	Yes
Sudan	April 19, 2022	October 19, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict (initially Sudanese conflict in Kordofan)	Yes
South Sudan	May 3, 2022	November 3, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict (initially South Sudanese Civil War)	Yes
Ukraine	April 19, 2022	October 19, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict (Russian War in Ukraine)	Yes
Venezuela	March 19, 2021	September 9, 2022	Severe humanitarian emergency (economic and political crisis under Maduro)	Yes
Yemen	September 4, 2021	March 3, 2023	Ongoing armed conflict (initially Yemeni Civil War)	Yes