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TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) UPDATE AFTER THE SUPREME COURT DECISION

CURRENT STATUS OF TPS

- 🔊 Current TPS protections and work permits remain valid!
- 🔊 It is still possible to apply for or renew TPS—check your country’s designation and application deadline: <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>.
- 🔊 12 countries have TPS: 2 new programs (Burma and Venezuela) and 10 continuing programs (El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen)
- 🔊 People with an approved TPS case are eligible to apply for Advance Parole, a travel permit to travel outside the United States.
- 🔊 To apply for TPS, renew TPS, or to request a travel permit, speak to a legal service provider. Find a free or low-cost legal service provider in your area: <https://www.bit.ly/ianimmhelp>.

TPS AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE

TPS holders are still eligible to get permanent residence through a family member!

A recent Supreme Court decision changed how and where some TPS holders can get a green card based on a family petition, but they are still eligible for permanent residence.

- 📄 Applying for Permanent Residence in the U.S.: TPS holders who have been petitioned by a family member can, if they meet other eligibility requirements, apply for permanent residence in the U.S. if:
1) they entered the U.S. on a visa; **2)** had a petition in their name or were a dependent on a petition filed on or before April 30, 2001 (245i protection); **or 3)** travelled and returned on Advance Parole before August 20, 2020.
- 📄 Applying for Permanent Residence Abroad: If a TPS holder does not qualify to do the process in the U.S., they still may be able to apply for permanent residence at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their country of origin. This process might take longer and require a waiver. Get quality legal help before proceeding!

OTHER LEGAL OPTIONS

- 🔊 TPS holders are eligible to apply for other immigration benefits if they are eligible—**consult an immigration expert to understand your legal options.**
- 🔊 Various immigration proposals are pending before Congress. These are just proposals—**there is no new legalization program at this time!**
- 🔊 Join other TPS holders in calling for a path to permanent status: <https://www.nationaltpsalliance.org/>.