

Haiti TPS Documents Now Automatically Valid to October, 4, 2021 by Operation of Law

If you are a Haitian with currently valid TPS, your TPS documents are now legally valid through October 4, 2021. Employers and state DMVs must honor them as legally valid through that date. This is because on December 9, 2020, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”), as it has done three times previously, published a [new Federal Register Notice](#) (“the Notice”) automatically extending the validity of your TPS documentation, this time through **October 4, 2021**.

The Federal Register is the official publication of the U.S. Government; its notices have the force of law. Importantly, *no one with TPS needs to file, do, or pay anything at all, to anyone, to benefit from this extension, which is automatic!* Again, *Haitians with TPS* do NOT need to re-register; they do not need to file anything at all. Just inform your employer or the DMV about this new Federal Register Notice!

As the Notice states, “DHS is automatically extending the validity of TPS-related documentation for beneficiaries under the TPS designations for El Salvador, Haiti, Nicaragua, Sudan, Honduras, and Nepal for nine months through October 4, 2021, from the current expiration date of January 4, 2021.”

USCIS published this Notice to meet its legal obligations under two federal court cases, as the Notice states in its “Summary.”

For more information, or if you need help explaining this automatic extension to your employer, please contact Steve Forester, IJDH Immigration Policy Coordinator, steveforester@aol.com, 786 877 6999.

(Separately, if you are a Haitian who *used* to have TPS, but who no longer has it because, in 2017 or 2018, you did not re-register for it under President Trump, you *may* be able to re-register for it for good cause. If this applies to you, you are strongly advised to consult an attorney who is competent and experienced in immigration law, about whether or not trying to re-register for TPS would or would not be wise for you, since each person’s legal situation is different. Feel free to contact Mr. Forester at the contact information given above if you have any questions about this. But

again, if you *had* TPS in the past but didn't re-register for it under Trump, you are strongly advised to consult an attorney competent and experienced in immigration law to check whether trying to re-register for TPS now might or might not be possible and advisable for you.)