



Thank you for joining today's webinar,  
**Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for  
Somalia.**

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# Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Somalia

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# TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS



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The secretary of homeland security may designate a foreign country for Temporary Protected Status 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.

# BACKGROUND



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- TPS was created by the Immigration Act of 1990 (IMMACT 90), Pub. L. 101-649.
- Congress sought to provide protection to people who feared returning to their home countries for reasons other than persecution.
- Find the law and regulations at INA § 244; 8 CFR § 244.1-244.9.

# DESIGNATION OF A COUNTRY FOR TPS



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- The secretary of homeland security may designate a country for TPS due to the following temporary conditions in the country:
  - Ongoing armed conflict (such as civil war);
  - An environmental disaster (such as an earthquake or hurricane) or an epidemic; or
  - Other extraordinary and temporary conditions.
- Designation remains in effect for 6-18 months.
- Before the conclusion of a designation period, the secretary determines whether to extend TPS for another period of 6-18 months.

# TPS BENEFICIARIES



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- TPS beneficiaries have the following rights:
  - Are not removable from the United States;
  - Can obtain an employment authorization document (EAD);
  - May be granted travel authorization;
  - Cannot be detained by DHS on the basis of their immigration status in the United States; and
  - May apply for other non-immigrant and immigrant status or benefits they may be eligible for.

# COUNTRIES CURRENTLY DESIGNATED



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- Burma (Myanmar)
  - El Salvador
  - Haiti
  - Honduras
  - Nepal
  - Nicaragua
  - Somalia
  - South Sudan
  - Sudan
  - Syria
  - Venezuela
  - Yemen
- \*as of 08/11/2021

# Somalia



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Re-registration Period: July 22, 2021 - Sept. 20, 2021

Initial Registration Period for New Applicants: July 22, 2021- March 17, 2023

TPS Designated Through: March 17, 2023

Must establish:

Continuous Residence in the United States since July 19, 2021

Continuous Physical Presence in the United States since Sept. 18, 2021



# ELIGIBILITY



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- Be a national of a country designated for TPS, or a person without nationality who last habitually resided in the designated country;
- File during the open initial registration or re-registration period, or meet the requirements for late initial filing during any extension of your country's TPS designation;
- Have been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation date of your country; and
- Have been continuously residing in the United States since the date specified for your country.

# INELIGIBILITY



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- Have been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors;
- Are found inadmissible as an immigrant under applicable grounds in INA section 212(a), including non-waivable criminal and security-related grounds;
- Are subject to any of the mandatory bars to asylum;
- Fail to meet the continuous physical presence or continuous residence in the United States requirements;
- Fail to meet initial or late initial TPS registration requirements; or
- If granted TPS, fail to re-register for TPS, as required, without good cause.

# HOW TO APPLY



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## FORMS

- Form I-821,  
Application for  
Temporary  
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## EVIDENCE

- Identity and  
nationality;
- Date of entry; and
- Continuous  
residence.


## FEE

- Fees are posted at  
[www.uscis.gov/i-821](http://www.uscis.gov/i-821)
- Form I-912,  
Application for Fee  
Waiver

# FORM I-821



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 **Application for Temporary Protected Status** USCIS Form I-821  
Department of Homeland Security OMB No. 1615-0043  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Expires 07/31/2022

**For USCIS Use Only**

Receipt	Action Block	Case ID:
		A-Number:
Remarks		Returned:
		Resubmitted:
		Relocated:
		Received:
		Sent:

To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any). ☐ Select this box if Form G-28 or G-281 is attached.

Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 1. Type of Application** (select one)

**NOTE:** Select the box for Item Number 1.a., 1.b., or 2. If applicable, select the box for Item Number 3.a. or 3.b. For Item Number 4., enter the name of the designated TPS country.

1.a. ☐ This is my initial (first time) application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). I do not currently have TPS.

1.b. ☐ This is my re-registration application for TPS. I currently have TPS, and am applying to re-register.

**NOTE:** If you have previously applied or have a pending application for TPS, but do not currently have TPS, select Item Number 1.a. and describe each time that you previously applied, including the receipt number (if available) and the outcome (if any) of each application. If you currently have a pending TPS application, please also describe when you filed it and the application receipt number (if available) in Part II. Additional Information. If you do not recall or have incomplete information on your prior TPS applications, please provide the information you can, even if incomplete.

2. If you selected Item Number 1.b., please indicate who granted you TPS.

☐ USCIS

☐ Immigration Judge/Board of Immigration Appeals

Are you also filing a request for employment authorization?

3.a. ☐ Yes, I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and I am filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, together with my Form I-821.

3.b. ☐ No, I am not currently requesting an EAD.

4. Name of designated TPS country under which you are applying: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2. Information About You**

**Your Full Name**

1.a. Family Name (Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

1.b. Given Name (First Name) \_\_\_\_\_

1.c. Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Download the most recent version from [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov).
- Read the accompanying instructions.
- File with required documentation.

# ACCOMPANYING FORMS



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- I-765, Application for Employment Authorization
- I-131, Application for Travel Document
- I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility
- I-765 and I-131 are optional.
- I-601 is only required in certain situations.
- Check [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov) for associated filing fees.

# IDENTITY/NATIONALITY EVIDENCE



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The following documents may establish nationality/identity:

- Passport;
- Certificate of Naturalization/Citizenship;
- Birth certificate accompanied by photo identification; or
- National identity document from country of origin with photograph or fingerprint.

# DATE OF ENTRY EVIDENCE



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The following documents may establish date of entry evidence:

- Passport/passport entries;
- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record; or
- Documents used to establish continuous residence.



# CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE EVIDENCE



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## Examples of documents that establish presence/continuous residence:

- Passport/Passport entries;
- Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record;
- Employment records;
- Rent receipts, utility bills (gas, electric, telephone, etc.), receipts, or letters from companies showing dates when you received service;
- Money order receipts for money sent in or out of the United States;
- Birth certificates of children born in the United States;

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# CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE EVIDENCE



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## Examples of documents that establish presence/continuous residence (continued from previous slide):

- Correspondence between you and others;
- Social Security card;
- Bank books with dated transactions;
- Selective Service card;
- Attestations of your residence by churches, unions, or other organizations; and/or
- Affidavits.

# FILING FEE



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- There is a \$50 filing fee for Form I-821 if registering for the first time.
- There is an \$85 biometrics fee for applicants 14 and older.
- There are also fees to file for employment authorization, a travel document, or a request for a waiver of a ground of inadmissibility.
- Fees will be posted on [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov).
- If you cannot afford the fees, you may file a Form I-912, Application for Fee Waiver.

# PROCESS



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Complete and sign Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status. Mail Form I-821, supporting forms, evidence, and filing fee to USCIS. Receive a receipt notice by mail.



Attend a biometrics appointment at an Application Support Center.



You may receive a request for evidence (RFE) or notice of intent to deny. You must timely respond to avoid possible denial.



Receive a decision notice by mail and an EAD, if you requested one.

# MAINTAINING TPS



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- TPS beneficiaries must re-register for TPS during each re-registration period.
- Check [uscis.gov](https://uscis.gov) to learn if EADs will be automatically extended, or if it is necessary to file a new Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization Document.

# LATE FILING



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- USCIS will consider late applications to **re-register** if you establish good cause.
- If you applying late, you should submit a letter with Form I-821 explaining why.
- USCIS will consider late **initial** applications if you meet specific conditions outlined on [uscis.gov/TPS](https://uscis.gov/TPS).

# TRAVEL



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- TPS beneficiaries do not have travel authorization automatically.
- TPS beneficiaries who wish to travel outside of the United States should request advance parole using Form I-131, Application for Travel Document.

# CONCURRENT JURISDICTION



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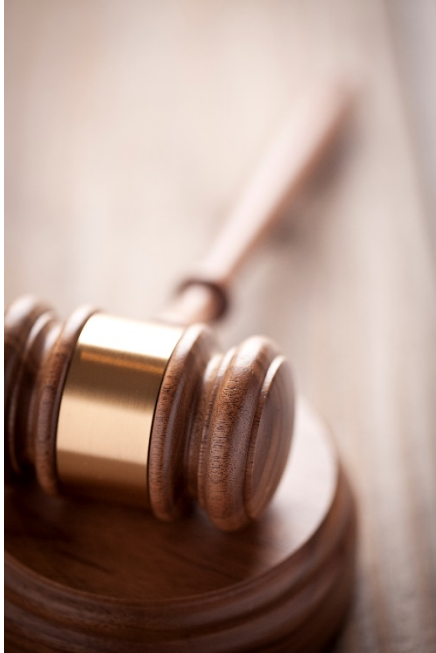
- While USCIS adjudicates the majority of TPS applications, an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals may also approve a Form I-821 when you are in proceedings before them.
- Only USCIS may approve and issue an EAD.



# APPEALING A DENIAL



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- If USCIS denies a Form I-821, you may appeal to the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO), in certain situations.
- If you are placed in removal proceedings, an immigration judge will review the Form I-821 *de novo*.



# FAMILY MEMBERS



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- Each person seeking TPS must apply for themselves on a separate Form I-821.
- There is no derivative TPS status, meaning your spouse, children or parents cannot obtain TPS as a result of your approved TPS.

# FILE ONLINE OR WITH PAPER



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- Online form is the same as paper version
- Online filing is only available for first time applicants
- Form I-765 can be filed online if Form I-821 was filed online
- Work at your own pace, we automatically save your answers
- Draft forms are saved for 30 days from the last time you worked on your form

# ONLINE FILING -CREATE AN ACCOUNT OR SIGN IN



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Official website of the Department of Homeland Security [here's how you know](#)

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Resources **Sign In**

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- [my.uscis.gov](http://my.uscis.gov)
- [myaccount.uscis.gov](http://myaccount.uscis.gov)

An official website of the United States government [here's how you know](#)

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**Become a U.S. Citizen**

Thinking about naturalization? We have resources to help you.

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Filing a **form online** is easier and faster than paper filing. It gives you a simple and personalized way to track your case online. You can also access other USCIS services.

The first step is to **create an account**

**Manage Your Case**

Use our online tools and resources to manage your case:

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- [Check processing times](#)
- [Change your address online](#)

# YOUR USCIS ONLINE ACCOUNT



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- [www.uscis.gov/file-online](https://www.uscis.gov/file-online)
- Filing tips and videos
- Helpful questions & answers
- Resources for attorneys and representatives
- Password resets and how to get technical support



# PAY FOR YOUR FORMS



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## USCIS I-821



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### Payment Information

Payment Amount \$545.00

### I want to pay with my

- ☐ Bank account (ACH)
- ☒ Debit or credit card

[Continue](#)

[Cancel](#)

You have successfully submitted both your Application for Temporary Protected Status (I-821) and Application for Employment Authorization (I-765)

We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account.

[Go to my cases](#)



# UPLOADING EVIDENCE – SOLICITED AND UNSOLICITED



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- Choose the application you need to make corrections to
- Choose the ‘Documents’ tab
- Scroll down and choose ‘Upload Evidence’

**I-765 Application for Employment Authorization**  
Submitted on June 29, 2021 | Receipt # IOE9290366614  
[View PDF](#) ▼

Case status Case history **Documents**

USCIS Notices

File	Date Sent	Action
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Your uploads

You may upload additional evidence that you believe may assist USCIS in adjudicating your application, even if the evidence was not specifically requested. USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of unrequested evidence when making a decision about your case.

File	Document	Date added
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**Unsolicited evidence**

Unsolicited evidence is any additional information or evidence that we did not request from you. If you upload evidence that we did not request from you, USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of this information when making a decision about your case.

**Upload evidence**

# TRACKING YOUR CASE



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## All notices are posted to your account

- Receipt notice
- Biometrics appointment notice
- Request for Evidence (RFE)
- PDF of your completed form
- Decision letter

\* Notices are also mailed to the address on file

Your Cases

I-765 Application for Employment Authorization  
Submitted on April 13, 2021 | Receipt # IOE9893889301  
[View PDF](#)

**Case status** Case history Documents

USCIS Notices

File	Date Sent	Action
<a href="#">Receipt Notice.pdf</a>	April 13, 2021	N/A

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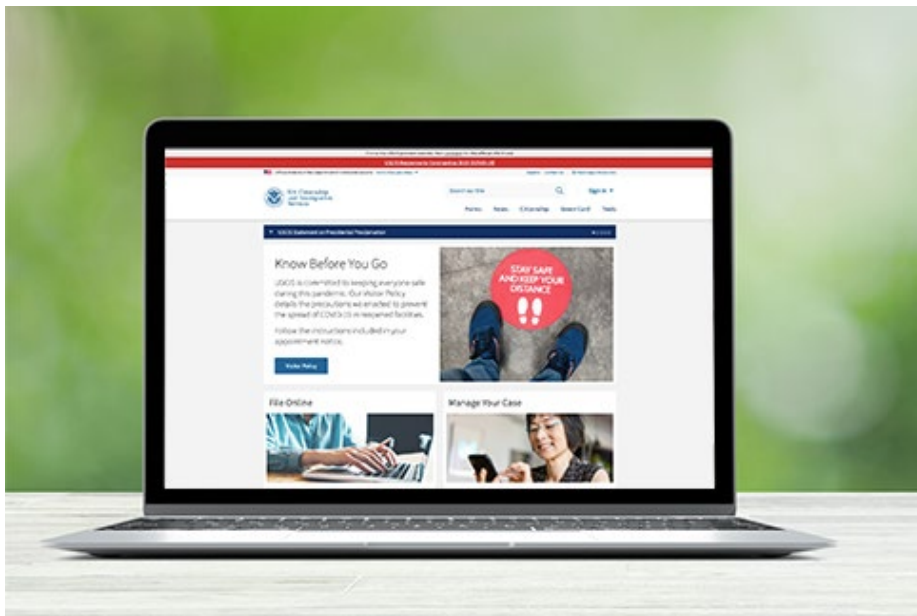
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# SELF-HELP TOOLS AND RESOURCES



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The [USCIS website](https://uscis.dhs.gov) offers the following free services:

- ✓ Check your [case status](#)
- ✓ [Change your address](#)
- ✓ Check [processing times](#)
- ✓ [TPS](#) webpage and a page for each TPS country



# AVOID SCAMS

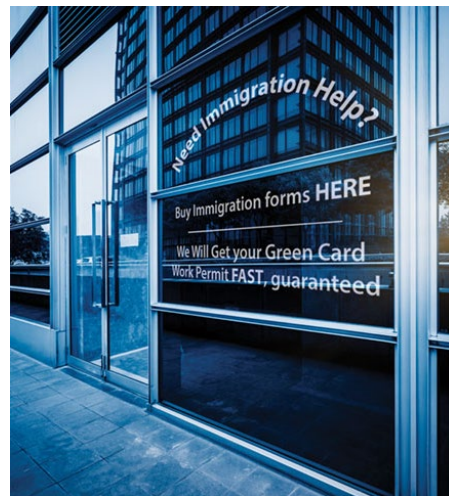


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Visit the [USCIS Avoid Scams](#) webpage to learn more about:

- [Form filing tips](#);
- Common immigration scams;
- How to [report immigration scams](#);  
and
- How to find [legal services and help](#).

THE WRONG HELP  
CAN HURT  
BEWARE OF IMMIGRATION SCAMS



# Q&A SESSION



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Questions?

Thank you!

# USCIS QR CODE



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# UPCOMING ENGAGEMENTS



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- Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 2pm Eastern-Temporary Protected Status
- <https://www.uscis.gov/outreach/upcoming-national-engagements>

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