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Press Release

DHS Announces 18-Month TPS Extensions for Nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua

Employment Authorization Documents Automatically Extended through January 5, 2008

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) today announced the publication of Notices in the *Federal Register* designating an 18-month extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua. Under this extension, those who have been granted TPS and who re-register are eligible to live and work in the United States for an additional 18 months. There are approximately 78,000 nationals of Honduras and 4,000 nationals of Nicaragua (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Honduras or Nicaragua) who may be eligible for re-registration.

DHS has also automatically extended the validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) for eligible Hondurans and Nicaraguans for six months through January 5, 2008. This extension will allow sufficient time for eligible TPS beneficiaries to apply for and receive a new EAD without any lapse in employment authorization.

The extension of TPS for nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua is effective July 5, 2007, and will remain in effect until January 5, 2009. Nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua who have been granted TPS previously must re-register for the 18-month extension during the 60-day re-registration period, which begins May 29, 2007 and ends July 30, 2007. This re-registration period is for Honduras and Nicaragua only. **Information about the El Salvador re-registration period will be forthcoming. Re-registration applications from nationals of El Salvador will not be accepted at this time.**

To re-register for TPS under the extension, a TPS beneficiary must submit: (1) Form I-821 (Application for Temporary Protected Status) with no fee, (2) Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) with fee if requesting a TPS-related EAD or an extension of a TPS-related EAD, and (3) a Biometric fee if 14 years of age or older or under age 14 and requesting an EAD. Applicants requesting an EAD may request that the Form I-765 fee be waived in accordance with the regulations. However, the Biometric fee cannot be waived. Both the Form I-765 and I-821 must be submitted for re-registration. If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS and not seeking employment authorization, a filing fee for the Form I-765 is not necessary.

The fee for Form I-765, [Application for Employment Authorization](#), is \$180 and the fee for biometrics service is \$70 as of the date of publication of the most recent Federal Register Notices governing the TPS designations of Honduras and Nicaragua.

To facilitate processing of TPS re-registrations, applicants are strongly encouraged to file as soon as possible after the start of the 60-day re-registration period, (Insert Date). Failure to submit the required filing fees will result in the rejection of TPS re-registration applications.

More information is available from the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 800-375-5283. TPS forms are available from the toll-free USCIS Forms line (800-870-3676) or from the USCIS web site at www.uscis.gov.

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