

TABLE OF CHANGES – INSTRUCTIONS
Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status
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<p>Pages 9-13</p> <p>General Requirements</p>	<p>[Page 13]</p> <p>General Requirements</p> <p>...</p> <p>7. Will TPS applicants need to provide fingerprints, photographs, and a signature?</p> <p>A. Yes. Except as noted below, all applicants for initial registration, re-registration, or renewal of TPS must provide fingerprints, photographs, and a digital signature, which are referred to as “biometrics.” For re-registrations, USCIS may be able to re-use your previously collected biometrics for identity verifications, background checks and other authorized purposes. Applicants for both initial TPS and for re-registration who are 14 years of age and older must submit the \$85 biometric services fee or a fee waiver request. See Item Number 9. below for information about fee waiver requests.</p> <p>B. TPS applicants under 14 years of age who are not filing for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) are exempt from biometrics collection.</p> <p>C. USCIS may, in its discretion, waive the collection of certain biometrics.</p>	<p>[Page 13]</p> <p>General Requirements</p> <p>...</p> <p>7. Will TPS applicants need to provide fingerprints, photographs, and a signature?</p> <p>A. Yes. Except as noted below, all applicants for initial registration, re-registration, or renewal of TPS must provide fingerprints, photographs, and a digital signature, which are referred to as “biometrics.” For re-registrations, USCIS may be able to re-use your previously collected biometrics for identity verifications, background checks and other authorized purposes. Applicants for both initial TPS and for re-registration who are 14 years of age and older must submit the \$30 biometric services fee.</p> <p>[no change]</p>

D. When a biometric services appointment is necessary, USCIS will send a notice to TPS applicants and re-registrants scheduling them to appear at an ASC for biometrics collection. Failure to comply with this notice may result in the denial of the TPS application.

8. Can Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, be filed at the same time as Form I-821?

Yes. When filing an initial TPS application with USCIS or re-registering for TPS, you can also request an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) by submitting a completed Form I-765, with the appropriate Form I-765 filing fee, if any, or fee waiver request, together with your Form I-821. If you are not requesting employment authorization, you do not need to file Form I-765. If you want to wait to file for an EAD until after USCIS decides your TPS application, you may file the Form I-765 later if you are approved for TPS. However, filing Form I-821 with Form I-765 helps you to receive your EAD more promptly if you are eligible for one.

As noted in the **What Is the Filing Fee** section of these Instructions, if you are under 14 years of age or over 65 years of age, you may request an EAD without fee when filing an initial TPS application. All applicants, regardless of age, must pay the Form I-765 filing fee if requesting an EAD when submitting a TPS re-registration application.

NOTE: An EAD is not a travel document. If your application for TPS is granted and you must travel outside the United States and return, you must request an Advance Parole Document from USCIS by filing Form I-131, Application for Travel Document. USCIS will issue a Form I-512, Advance Parole Document, to you if your request is granted. For more information on filing Form I-131, visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov/I-131 or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Yes. When filing an initial TPS application with USCIS or re-registering for TPS, you can also request an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) by submitting a completed Form I-765, with the appropriate Form I-765 filing fee, if applicable, together with your Form I-821. If you are not requesting employment authorization, you do not need to file Form I-765. If you want to wait to file for an EAD until after USCIS decides your TPS application, you may file the Form I-765 later if you are approved for TPS. However, filing Form I-821 with Form I-765 helps you to receive your EAD more promptly if you are eligible for one.

All applicants, regardless of age, must pay the Form I-765 filing fee.

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	<p>9. May the filing fee and biometric services fee for Forms I-821 and I-765 be waived?</p> <p>Yes. If you are unable to pay the filing fee and biometric services fee, 8 CFR Section 103.7(c) states that you may request a waiver of the fees. To request a fee waiver, a person requesting an immigration benefit must either submit a written request that the fee be waived or submit a Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver. Either form of request must be accompanied by documentation of your inability to pay the required fee.</p> <p>In your request, you should indicate why you believe you are entitled to or deserving of the benefit requested, the reason for your inability to pay the fees, and evidence to support the reasons you give. If your fee waiver request is denied, there is no appeal of the denial.</p>	<p>Yes. See Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver for additional information.</p> <p>[delete]</p>
<p>Pages 14-15,</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p>	<p>[Page 14]</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p> <p>Initial TPS Applications</p> <p>1. An initial (first-time) applicant must submit a \$50 application fee for Form I-821. Additionally:</p> <p>A. If you are 14 years of age or older, you must pay an \$85 biometric services fee or a fee waiver request; and</p> <p>B. If you are seeking employment authorization, you must submit Form I-765.</p> <p>2. If you are between 14 and 65 years of age and seeking employment authorization, you must submit a \$410 filing fee and the Form I-765, in addition to the \$50 application fee and \$85 biometric services fee – a total of \$545 or a fee waiver request.</p> <p>3. If you are under 14 years of age or over 65 years of age and seeking an EAD, you are not required to pay a fee for the EAD when filing for initial TPS registration. Your only fees are the \$50 application fee</p>	<p>[Page 14]</p> <p>What Is the Filing Fee?</p> <p>Initial TPS Applications</p> <p>1. An initial (first-time) applicant must submit a \$50 application fee for Form I-821. Additionally:</p> <p>A. All applicants, regardless of age, must pay a \$30 biometric services fee; and</p> <p>B. If you are seeking employment authorization, you must submit Form I-765.</p> <p>2. All applicants, regardless of age, seeking employment authorization, must submit a \$445 filing fee and the Form I-765, in addition to the \$50 application fee and \$30 biometric services fee – a total of \$580.</p> <p>[delete]</p>

	<p>and \$85 biometric services fee – a total of \$135 or a fee waiver request.</p> <p>TPS Re-Registration</p> <p>1. If you have TPS and you are filing for re-registration, you must submit the completed Form I-821, but you are not required to pay the \$50 application fee for Form I-821. However:</p> <p>A. If you are 14 years of age or older, you must still pay the \$85 biometric services fee; and</p> <p>B. If you are seeking employment authorization, you must still submit Form I-765.</p> <p>2. Regardless of your age, if you are filing Form I-765 to request an EAD with your re-registration, you must pay the \$410 filing fee for Form I-765.</p> <p>A. If you are 14 years or older and requesting an EAD, your fees will be the \$85 biometric services fee and the \$410 EAD filing fee – a total of \$495.</p> <p>B. If you are under 14 years of age and requesting an EAD, your only fee will be the \$410 EAD filing fee.</p> <p>NOTE: When filing an initial or re-registration TPS application, if you are not seeking employment authorization, you do not need to file Form I-765 and you do not need to pay the \$410 fee.</p> <p>3. The Form I-821 filing fee and biometric services fee are not refundable, regardless of any action USCIS takes on this application. DO NOT MAIL CASH. You must submit all fees in the exact amounts.</p> <p>Use the following guidelines when you prepare your checks or money orders for the Form I-821 filing fee and biometric services fee:</p> <p>1. The check or money order must be drawn on a bank or other financial institution located in the United States and must be payable in U.S. currency; and</p>	<p>TPS Re-Registration</p> <p>1. There is no fee for re-registration. However, you must pay a \$30 biometrics fee.</p> <p>[delete]</p> <p>If you are seeking employment authorization, you must still also submit Form I-765 with the \$445 filing fee for Form I-765.</p> <p>[delete]</p> <p>NOTE: When filing an initial or re-registration TPS application, if you are not seeking employment authorization, you do not need to file Form I-765 and you do not need to pay the \$445 fee.</p> <p>[no change]</p>
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2. Make the checks or money orders payable to **U.S. Department of Homeland Security**.

NOTE: Spell out U.S. Department of Homeland Security; do not use the initials “USDHS” or “DHS.”

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Notice to Those Making Payment by Check. If you send us a check, USCIS will convert it into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually take 24 hours and your bank will show it on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. If USCIS cannot complete the EFT because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer two additional times.

NOTE: The fees that apply to your registration or re-registration application packet may all be combined into a single check or money order. For example, if you also choose to submit Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, and include that application with your TPS application, the Form I-131 fee may be included with the check or money order for the TPS application, as well. Please note that if you use a single check or money order, and the fee amount is incorrect, then your entire application packet will be rejected.

How to Check If the Fees Are Correct

Form I-821’s filing fee and biometric services fee are current as of the edition date in the lower left corner of this page. However, because USCIS fees change

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If USCIS cannot process the EFT for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in place of your original check. **If your check is returned as unpayable, we may reject your application.**

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	<p>periodically, you can verify if the fees are correct by following one of the steps below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov, select “FORMS” and check the appropriate fee; or 2. Call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 and ask for the fee information. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: 1-800-767-1833. <p>NOTE: If you are age 14 or older and, therefore, must pay the biometric services fee with your Form I-821, you can use the same procedure to obtain the correct biometric services fee.</p> <p>Fee Waiver</p> <p>You may be eligible for a fee waiver under 8 CFR 103.7(c). If you believe you are eligible for a fee waiver, complete Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver (or a written request), and submit it and any required evidence of your inability to pay the filing fees with this application. You can review the fee waiver guidance at www.uscis.gov/feewaiver.</p>	<p>For information on fee waivers under 8 CFR 106.3 please review the instructions for USCIS Form I-912 found at www.uscis.gov.</p>
<p>Page 17, Checklist</p>	<p>[Page 17] Checklist</p> <p>...</p> <p>Did you include the required applications, filing fees, and biometric services fee (or Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, or a written request for a waiver of the filing fees)?</p> <p>...</p>	<p>[Page 17] Checklist</p> <p>...</p> <p>Did you include the required applications, filing fees, and biometric services fee (or Form I-912, Request for Fee Waiver, if applicable)?</p> <p>...</p>