



U.S. Department of Homeland Security

# DHS to Extend Temporary Protected Status for Ukraine

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*Extension Allows Eligible Ukrainian Nationals Who Arrived on or Before August 16, 2023, to Maintain TPS and Employment Authorization Following Vetting*

**WASHINGTON** – The Department of Homeland Security announced today the extension of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukraine for 18 months. The extension of TPS is due to ongoing armed conflict and extraordinary and temporary conditions in Ukraine that prevent eligible Ukrainian nationals from safely returning.

After reviewing the country conditions in Ukraine and consulting with interagency partners, it was determined that an 18-month TPS extension is warranted because of conditions resulting from the expansion of the Russian military invasion into Ukraine, the largest conventional military action in Europe since World War II. Russia's expanded military invasion has led to high numbers of civilian casualties and reports of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by Russian military forces and officials. This invasion has caused a humanitarian crisis, with significant numbers of individuals fleeing and damage to civilian infrastructure that has left many without electricity or access to medical services. These conditions prevent Ukrainian nationals and habitual residents from safely returning. Such a determination meets the statutory obligation to decide, at least 60 days before the expiration of a TPS designation, whether the conditions for designation continue to be met and merit an extension.

The extension of TPS for Ukraine allows approximately 103,700 current eligible beneficiaries to re-register for TPS, if they continue to meet eligibility requirements. Re-registration is limited to individuals who previously registered for TPS under Ukraine's designation. This population includes nationals of Ukraine (and individuals without nationality who last resided in Ukraine) who have been continuously residing in the United States since at least August 16, 2023, with or without lawful immigration status.

Every individual processed by the Department of Homeland Security goes through rigorous national security and public safety vetting during the original application process and again during re-registration. If any individual is identified as posing a threat, they may be detained, removed, or referred to other federal agencies for further investigation or prosecution as appropriate. Individuals are barred from TPS if they have been convicted of any felony or two misdemeanors.

DHS recognizes that not all re-registrants may receive a new Employment Authorization Document before their current EAD expires and is automatically extending for 12 months the validity of EADs previously issued under Ukraine's TPS designation.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will continue to process pending applications filed under the Ukraine designation. Both initial applicants and re-registering current beneficiaries who have a pending Form I-821 or Form I-765 do not need to file either application again. If USCIS approves an individual's pending Form I-821, USCIS will grant them TPS through October 19, 2026. Similarly, if USCIS approves a pending TPS-related Form I-765, USCIS will issue the individual a new EAD that will be valid through the same date.

A soon-to-be-published Federal Register notice will explain the eligibility criteria, timelines, and procedures necessary for current beneficiaries to re-register and renew EADs.

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