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**USCIS Reminds Eligible Salvadorans to Re-register  
For Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and  
Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Extension**

WASHINGTON, D.C – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) today reminded eligible Salvadorans to immediately re-register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The re-registration will allow individuals to maintain their status and employment authorization for 18 additional months, beginning on September 9, 2003 and ending on March 9, 2005. This re-registration affects nearly 290,000 Salvadorans.

TPS applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2003. However, eligible Salvadorans are encouraged to re-register as soon as possible. This re-registration is necessary even though USCIS published a notice in the *Federal Register* on July 16, 2003 to automatically extend the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) validity period for six months from September 9, 2003 to March 9, 2004. The automatic EAD extension is designed only to prevent gaps in employment authorization while re-registration applications are processed. It does not relieve TPS beneficiaries of the responsibility to timely re-register for TPS benefits.

To re-register for the extension, a TPS applicant must submit Form I-821 (Application for Temporary Protected Status) and Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization), along with two identification photographs (1 1/2" x 1 1/2"). Both forms must be submitted for re-registration. If the applicant is only seeking to re-register for TPS and not seeking an EAD extension, there is no filing fee. However, all applicants seeking an extension of employment authorization until March 9, 2005 must submit a \$120 filing fee with Form I-765. The applicant may request a fee waiver in accordance with the regulations. Applicants seeking to re-register and extend TPS benefits do not need to submit new fingerprints and therefore do not need to submit a \$50 fee for fingerprinting. Children who have registered for TPS and who have reached the age of fourteen but were not previously fingerprinted must pay the \$50 fingerprint fee with the application for extension.

TPS applications submitted without the required fee, signature, and photos will be rejected. Forms can be ordered from the toll free USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-870-3676, or from the USCIS web site: [www.immigration.gov](http://www.immigration.gov).

Individuals who have been granted TPS and who need to travel outside the United States before March 9, 2005, must receive advance parole from their local USCIS office or sub-office or a USCIS Service Center with jurisdiction over their place of residence, prior to departing the United States. Failure to do so may jeopardize their ability to return to the United States. Advance parole allows an individual to travel abroad and return to the United States. Advance parole is issued on a case-by-case basis. For further information, please call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 or visit the USCIS web site: [www.immigration.gov](http://www.immigration.gov)

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On March 1, 2003, U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.