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## **CIS Reminds Eligible Salvadorans to Re-register for TPS by September 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

### ***TPS Re-registration is Imperative for Employment Authorization and Protection from Removal***

WASHINGTON, D.C – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) today reminded those eligible Salvadorans to immediately re-register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to maintain TPS and employment authorization for the 18-month period beginning on September 9, 2003 and ending on March 9, 2005. **Failure to re-register will result in the loss of employment authorization and protection from removal.**

TPS applications must be postmarked by September 15, 2003. However, eligible Salvadorans are encouraged to re-register as soon as possible and not wait until the filing deadline. 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, but it does not relieve TPS beneficiaries of the responsibility to timely re-register for TPS benefits.

On July 10, 2003, CIS announced an 18-month extension of the designation of El Salvador for TPS from September 9, 2003 until March 9, 2005. This extension of TPS covers approximately 290,000 Salvadorans who have already applied for TPS.

To re-register for the extension until March 9, 2005, a TPS applicant must submit Form I-821 Application for Temporary Protected Status and Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization), as well as 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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