



Ukraine TPS Engagement

Agenda & Reminders

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1. Overview of Temporary Protective Status (TPS) Ukraine
2. Application Requirements for TPS Ukraine
3. Questions and Answers

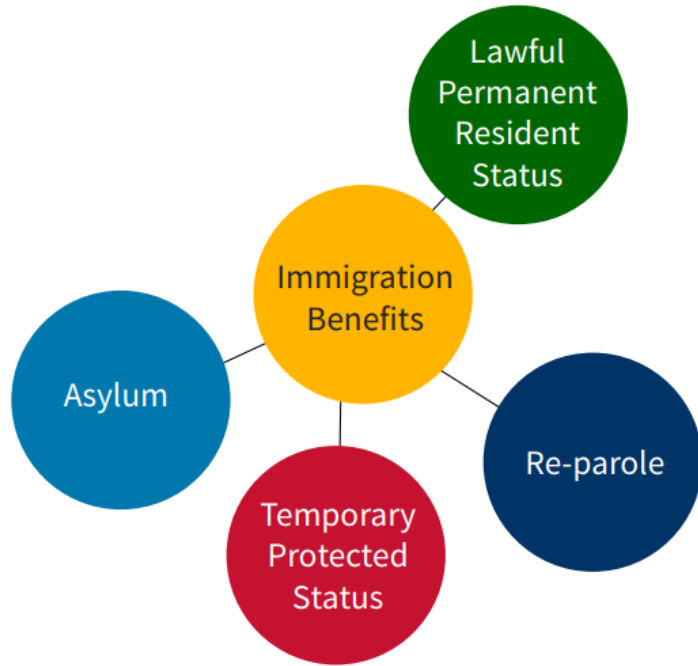
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Multiple Immigration Pathways



- **Parole does not lead to immigration status.**
- **Parole & TPS do not lead to lawful permanent resident status or U.S. Citizenship.**
- **Noncitizens may pursue multiple immigration benefits at the same time.**

Designation of a Country for TPS

- The Secretary of Homeland Security may designate a country for TPS due to the following temporary conditions in the country:
 - Ongoing armed conflict (such as civil war);
 - An environmental disaster (such as an earthquake or hurricane) or an epidemic; or
 - Other extraordinary and temporary conditions.
- Designation remains in effect for 6-18 months.
- Before the conclusion of a designation period, the Secretary determines whether to extend TPS for another period of 6, 12, or 18 months.

TPS Ukraine Overview

Background

- On August 18, 2023, the Secretary of Homeland Security announced the extension and redesignation of Ukraine for TPS for 18 months.
- This extension and redesignation will be in effect from October 20, 2023, through April 19, 2025.
- USCIS published a Federal Register notice on August 21, 2023.

Ukraine's 2022 TPS Extension

- Individuals who currently have TPS based on Ukraine's 2022 designation, can keep their TPS through April 19, 2025, if they re-register and continue to meet the eligibility requirements for TPS.
- Current TPS beneficiaries under Ukraine 2022 must re-register during a 60-day re-registration period from Aug. 21, 2023 – Oct. 20, 2023.
- DHS is automatically extending through Oct. 19, 2024, the validity of certain Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) previously issued under Ukraine's 2022 TPS designation.

Ukraine's 2022 TPS Extension

- Initial applicants who still have a **pending** TPS application or TPS-related EAD application filed under Ukraine 2022 **do not need to refile**; neither do re-registering current beneficiaries with a pending TPS application or TPS-related EAD filed under Ukraine 2022.
- If USCIS approves an individual's **pending** Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, filed under Ukraine 2022, we will grant them TPS through April 19, 2025. Similarly, if we approve a pending TPS-related Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, under Ukraine 2022, we will issue the individual a new EAD that will be valid through the same date.

Ukraine's 2023 TPS Redesignation

- The Homeland Security Secretary also announced a redesignation of Ukraine for TPS.
- Under “**Ukraine 2023**,” approximately 166,700 additional individuals may be eligible for TPS, and related employment authorization, under the redesignation of Ukraine.
- This population includes Ukraine nationals in the United States in nonimmigrant status or without immigration status.

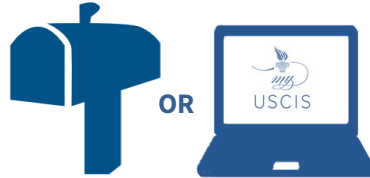
Ukraine's 2023 TPS Redesignation

- First day to submit initial TPS application under Ukraine 2023 was August 21, 2023.
- All individuals must apply by April 19, 2025.
- An individual filing an initial TPS application (Form I-821), may also apply for an EAD by submitting a completed Form I-765, and may apply for travel authorization by submitting a completed Form I-131, Application for Travel Document.
- Ukrainians who were not residing in the U.S. on or before August 16, 2023, are not eligible for TPS and may face removal if they do not have a legal basis to stay.

Process of Applying for TPS



Complete and sign Form I-821,
Application for Temporary
Protected Status



Submit Form I-821, documents
and fees to USCIS



Receive USCIS receipt and
biometrics **appointment notices**



Go to the biometrics appointment
to be fingerprinted and photographed



Receive Decision Notice and EAD,
If you requested one.

TPS Ukraine Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility

- Be a national of Ukraine, or a person without nationality who last habitually resided in Ukraine
- Have been continuously physically present in the United States since October 20, 2023.
- Have been continuously residing in the United States since August 16, 2023.

Ineligibility

- Have been convicted of any felony or two or more misdemeanors;
- Are found inadmissible as an immigrant under applicable grounds in INA section 212(a), including non-waivable criminal and security-related grounds;
- Are subject to any of the mandatory bars to asylum;
- Fail to meet the continuous physical presence or continuous residence in the United States requirements;
- Fail to meet initial or late initial TPS registration requirements; or
- If granted TPS, fail to re-register for TPS, as required, without good cause.

TPS Benefits

TPS beneficiaries have the following privileges:

- Are not removable from the United States;
- Can obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD);
- May be granted travel authorization;
- Cannot be detained by DHS on the basis of their immigration status in the United States; and
- May apply for other nonimmigrant and immigrant status or benefits for which they may be eligible.
- TPS is a temporary benefit that does not lead to lawful permanent resident status or give any other immigration status.

TPS Ukraine: How to Apply

HOW TO APPLY

FORM

Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status


EVIDENCE

Identity and nationality;
Date of entry; and
Continuous residence.

FEE

Fees are posted at www.uscis.gov/i-821
Form I-912,
Application for Fee Waiver

Form I-821

 **Application for Temporary Protected Status** USCIS
Form I-821
OMB No. 1615-0043
Expires 07/31/2022

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

For USCIS Use Only

Receipt	Action Block	Case ID: A-Number: Returned: Resubmitted: Relocated: Received: Sent:
Remarks		

<input type="checkbox"/> To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any).	<input type="checkbox"/> Select this box if Form G-28 or G-28i is attached.	Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable) <input type="text"/>	Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any) <input type="text"/>
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Part 1. Type of Application (select one)

NOTE: Select the box for Item Number 1a, 1b, or 2. If applicable, select the box for Item Number 3a, or 3b. For Item Number 4, enter the name of the designated TPS country.

1a. This is my initial (first time) application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). I do not currently have TPS.

1b. This is my re-registration application for TPS. I currently have TPS, and am applying to re-register.

NOTE: If you have previously applied or have a pending application for TPS, but do not currently have TPS, select Item Number 1a, and describe each time that you previously applied, including the receipt number (if available) and the outcome (if any) of each application. If you currently have a pending TPS application, please also describe when you filed it and the application receipt number (if available) in Part 11. Additional Information. If you do not recall or have incomplete information on your prior TPS applications, please provide the information you can, even if incomplete.

2. If you selected Item Number 1b, please indicate who granted you TPS.

USCIS

Immigration Judge/Board of Immigration Appeals

Are you also filing a request for employment authorization?

3a. Yes, I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and I am filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, together with my Form I-821.

3b. No, I am not currently requesting an EAD.

4. Name of designated TPS country under which you are applying.

Part 2. Information About You

Your Full Name

1a. Family Name (Last Name)

1b. Given Name (First Name)

1c. Middle Name

- Download the most recent version of the form from uscis.gov/forms.
- Read the form instructions.
- File with required documentation.
- Confirm the filing address for your country at uscis.gov/tps.

Filing Fee

- Find filing fee information at uscis.gov/i-821.
- Filing online has secure payment via pay.gov.
- No filing fee to **re-register** under this extension.
- \$50 fee if filing for the first time.
- \$85 biometrics fee for applicants age 14 and older.
- There are also fees to file for an EAD, a travel document, or a request for a waiver of a ground of inadmissibility. See uscis.gov.
- You may file Form I-912, Application for Fee Waiver (uscis.gov/i-912).
- You cannot file Form I-912 online.

Accompanying Forms

- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, uscis.gov/i-765, category (a)(12) or (c)(19). Current filing fee is \$410.
- Form I-131, Application for Travel Document, uscis.gov/i-131. Current filing fee is \$660.
- Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, uscis.gov/i-601. Current filing fee is \$930.
- Check uscis.gov/fees for associated filing fees.

Form Filing Locations

If you are filing Form I-821, Form I-765, or Form I-912 for TPS Ukraine on paper and you live in **Washington**, mail your application:

U.S. Postal Service, to:

USCIS

Attn: TPS Venezuela

P.O. Box 20300

Phoenix, AZ 85036-0300

FedEx, UPS, or DHL, to:

USCIS

Attn: TPS Venezuela (Box 20300)

2108 E. Elliot Rd

Tempe, AZ 85284-1806

Identity/Nationality Evidence

The following documents may establish nationality/identity:

- **Passport;**
- **Certificate of Naturalization/Citizenship;**
- **Birth certificate accompanied by photo identification; or**
- **National identity document from country of origin with photograph or fingerprint.**

If these primary documents are not available, the regulations at 8 CFR 244.9 state you may provide an affidavit describing why the documents are unavailable and submit secondary evidence. Please also see the Form I-821 Instructions.

Examples of Secondary Evidence

- National documentation, naturalization certificate.
- Baptismal certificate.
- Copies of school or medical records.
- Copies of other immigration documents showing your nationality and identity.
- Affidavits from friends or family members who know the date and place of your birth and your parents' nationality.

For detailed information about secondary evidence, read the Form I-821 instructions at uscis.gov/I-821.

Date of Entry Evidence

The following documents may establish date of entry evidence:

- Passport/passport entries;
- Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record; or
- Documents used to establish continuous residence.

Continuous Residence Evidence

Examples of documents that establish presence/continuous residence:

- Passport/Passport entries;
- Form I-94, Arrival-Departure Record;
- Employment records;
- Rent receipts, utility bills (gas, electric, telephone, etc.), receipts, or letters from companies showing dates when you received service;
- Money order receipts for money sent in or out of the United States;
- Birth certificates of children born in the United States;

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Continuous Residence Evidence

You can establish presence and continuous residence with:

- Correspondence between you and others;
- Social Security card;
- Bank books with dated transactions;
- Selective Service card;
- Attestations of your residence by churches, unions, or other organizations;
and/or
- Affidavits.

Process


Complete and sign Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status. Mail Form I-821, supporting forms, evidence, and filing fee to USCIS. Receive a receipt notice by mail.



Attend a biometrics appointment at an Application Support Center.



You may receive a request for evidence (RFE) or notice of intent to deny. You must timely respond to avoid possible denial.

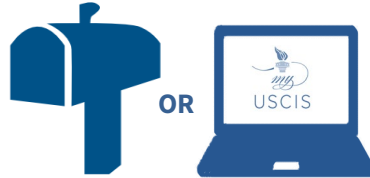


Receive a decision notice by mail and an EAD, if you requested one.

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Maintaining TPS

- TPS beneficiaries must re-register for TPS during each re-registration period. The TPS re-registration period is Aug. 21, 2023 – Oct. 20, 2023
- Check www.uscis.gov/tps to learn if EADs will be automatically extended, or if it is necessary to file a new Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to obtain an EAD.

Late Filing

- USCIS will consider late applications to re-register if you establish good cause.
- If you apply late, you should submit a letter with Form I-821 explaining why.
- USCIS will consider late initial applications if you meet specific conditions outlined on uscis.gov/tps.

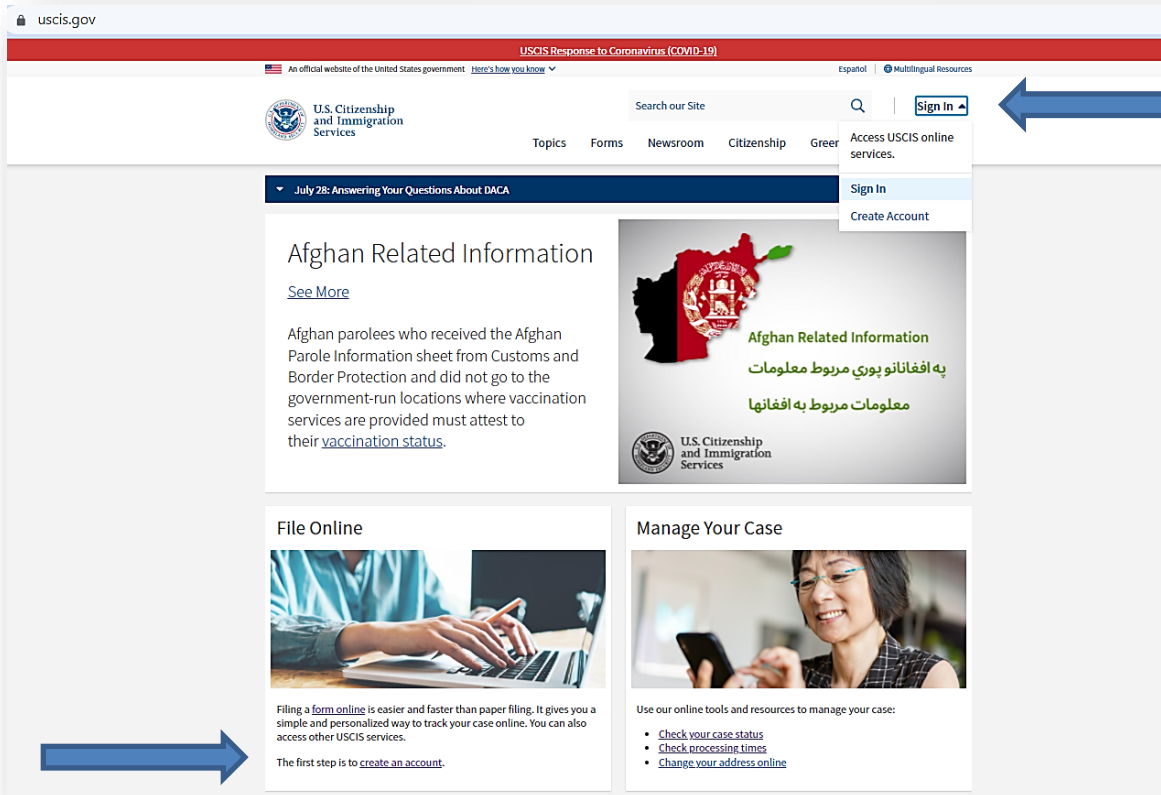
Family Members

- Each person seeking TPS must apply for themselves on a separate Form I-821.
- There is no derivative TPS status. This means your spouse, children or parents cannot obtain TPS as a result of your approved TPS.

File Online or By Mail

- File online when possible.
- The online form collects the same information as the paper version.
- First-time TPS applicants and TPS beneficiaries who are re-registering may apply for TPS online.
- If you filed Form I-821 online, you may also file Form I-765 online.
- You may not file Form I-912 online.
- Work at your own pace. We automatically save your answers.
- We save draft forms for 30 days from the last time you worked on your form.

Creating a USCIS Online Account



The screenshot shows the USCIS.gov website. At the top, there is a red banner with the text "USCIS Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)". Below this, the website header includes the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services logo, a search bar, and a "Sign In" button. A blue arrow points to the "Sign In" button. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with options like "Topics", "Forms", "Newsroom", "Citizenship", and "Greener". A dropdown menu is open, showing "Access USCIS online services.", "Sign In", and "Create Account". Below the navigation, there is a section titled "Afghan Related Information" with a "See More" link. To the right of this section is a graphic with the text "Afghan Related Information" and "په افغانانو پوري مربوط معلومات" and "معلومات مربوط به افغانها". Below this, there are two sections: "File Online" and "Manage Your Case". The "File Online" section includes an image of a person typing on a laptop and text explaining that filing online is easier and faster than paper filing. The "Manage Your Case" section includes an image of a woman using a smartphone and text explaining that users can use online tools to manage their case, with links for "Check your case status", "Check processing times", and "Change your address online". A blue arrow points to the "File Online" section.

Individuals can create an account or sign in here:

- www.uscis.gov
- my.uscis.gov
- myaccount.uscis.gov

File Online Webpage www.uscis.gov/file-online

- Helpful videos
 - Benefits of a USCIS Online Account
 - How to create a USCIS Online Account
- Resources for legal representatives
- Filing tips
- Password resets and technical support



Fees Can Be Paid Online

USCIS I-821



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

Payment Information

Payment Amount \$545.00

I want to pay with my

- Bank account (ACH)
- Debit or credit card

[Continue](#)

[Cancel](#)

You have successfully submitted both your Application for Temporary Protected Status (I-821) and Application for Employment Authorization (I-765)

We will contact you if we have any questions or need additional information. You can track the status of your application through your USCIS online account.

[Go to my cases](#)

Tracking Your Case—Case Card

Your Cases

I-90 Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card
Submitted on September 22, 2021 | Receipt # IOE9778974711
View PDF ▾

Case status Case history Documents

September 23, 2021
Case Is Being Actively Reviewed By USCIS

As of September 23, 2021, we are actively reviewing your Form I-90, Application to Replace Permanent Resident Card, Receipt Number IOE9778974711. Our records show nothing is outstanding at this time. We will let you know if we need anything from you. If you move, go to www.uscis.gov/addresschange to give us your new mailing address.

Current as of today at 11:44 a.m.

Case card has three tabs: Case status, Case history, and Documents

Documents Tab

- When you file online, all USCIS notices are posted to your account
- We also mail all notices to you
- All evidence you submitted is visible
- You can upload evidence to your case, including unsolicited evidence

Your Cases

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Case status Case history **Documents**

USCIS Notices

File	Date Sent	Action
Appointment Scheduled.pdf	September 23, 2021	N/A
Receipt Notice.pdf	September 23, 2021	N/A

Your uploads

You may upload additional evidence that you believe may assist USCIS in adjudicating your application, even if the evidence was not specifically requested. USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of unrequested evidence when making a decision about your case.

File	Document	Date added
Green Card front.jpg	Identity/Travel Documents	September 23, 2021
Green Card back.jpg	Identity/Travel Documents	September 23, 2021

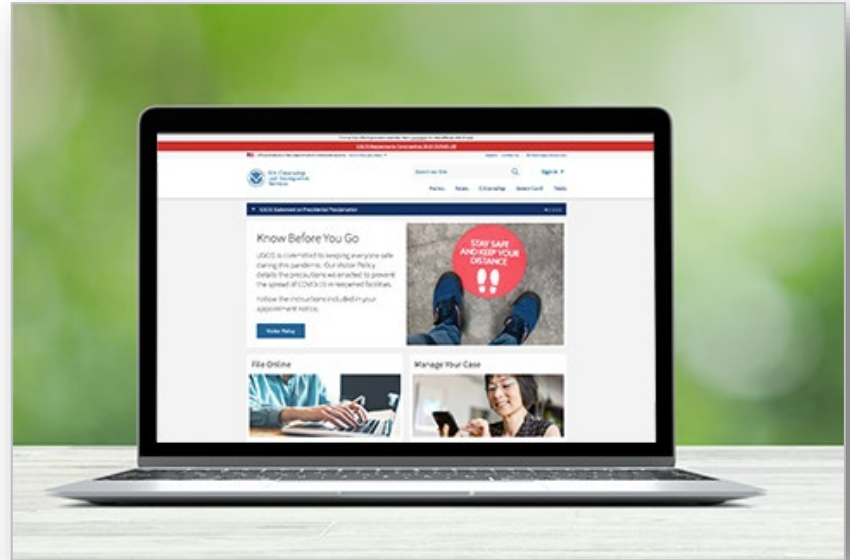
Unsolicited evidence

Unsolicited evidence is any additional information or evidence that we did not request from you. If you upload evidence that we did not request from you, USCIS will consider the timeliness and relevance of this information when making a decision about your case.

[Upload evidence](#) ←

Self-Help Tools and Resources

- Check your case status
www.uscis.gov/casestatus
- Change your address
www.uscis.gov/addresschange
- Check processing times
www.uscis.gov/processingtimes
- TPS webpage and a page for each TPS country
www.uscis.gov/tps

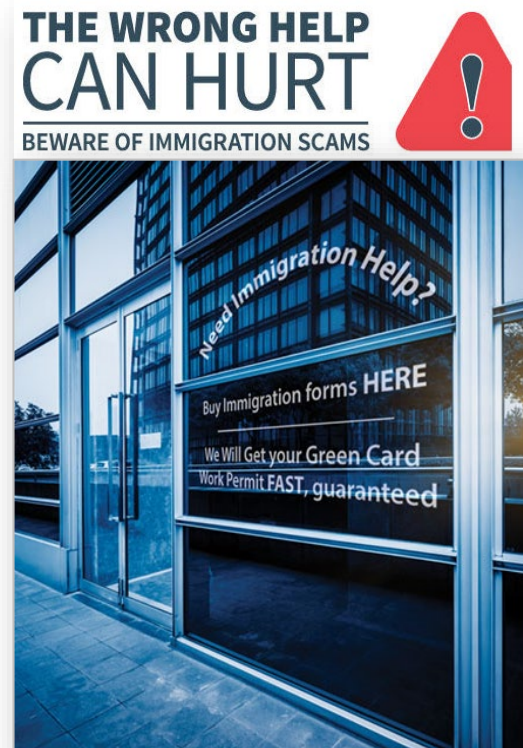


Avoid Scams

Visit the USCIS Avoid Scams webpage to learn about:

- Form filing tips
- Common immigration scams
- How to report immigration scams
- How to find legal services and help

www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams



Uniting for Ukraine

- April 21, 2022—President Biden announced Uniting for Ukraine.
- Provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members to come to the U.S. temporarily for up to a 2-year period of parole.
- Process begins with U.S.-based supporter submitting Form I-134A, Declaration of Financial Support online.



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Q&A Session



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