



EMBASSY OF EL SALVADOR
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

August 23rd, 2023

The Honorable
UR JADDOU
Director of the U.S. Citizenship and
Immigration Services
Washington D.C., 20001

Re: Re-Registration for El Salvador TPS beneficiaries

Dear Director Jaddou,

First of all, allow me to thank you for such a productive meeting held on July 27. As the government of El Salvador, we greatly appreciate the alliances with your agency and the work you are doing to expand the legal pathways for migration to the United States.

On this occasion, I wish to call your attention to a phenomenon related to the current TPS re-registration process for El Salvador, it has been observed that the number of TPS beneficiaries who are coming forward to fill out the respective forms (I-821 and I765) are lower than those reported last time. Our government is not the only one to express this concern; several immigration organizations that support re-registration process have also noticed this situation.

We still do not have a clear reason for this circumstance; however, it may be due to the confusion of the previous automatic extensions of the benefit.

In view of the above, we kindly ask you:

- a) If you could share with us the number of TPS beneficiaries from El Salvador that have sent their applications to date.
- b) To increase the dissemination campaign on the need to re-register with USCIS to avoid losing the benefit. As government of El Salvador we are constantly disseminating, however, it is considered relevant the dissemination by USCIS in this regard.

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- c) In case there are beneficiaries who - due to ignorance or confusion - do not re-register during this period, USCIS may consider accepting extraordinary applications for the period granted.

I appreciate in advance your attention to this request, and I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

Sincerely,



Milena Mayorga
Ambassador

C.C.:
The Honorable
BLAS NUÑEZ-NETO
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September 20, 2023

Her Excellency Milena Mayorga
Ambassador of El Salvador
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Dear Madam Ambassador:

Thank you for your August 23, 2023 letter requesting the number of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) re-registration applications from nationals of El Salvador, an increased re-registration dissemination campaign, and consideration of late-filed applications. I also want to thank you for a productive meeting on July 27th and express appreciation for your important partnership.

As of August 24, 2023, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has received 70,618 TPS re-registration applications from nationals of El Salvador. I appreciate your efforts to share information with Salvadoran TPS beneficiaries and your suggestion that USCIS increase communication on the need to re-register with USCIS. As part of our robust engagement with stakeholders, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) published a news release announcing the Secretary's decision to extend TPS for El Salvador and provided notice of the 60-day re-registration period.¹ USCIS also updated the El Salvador TPS webpage² and sent notice to stakeholders who have subscribed with USCIS to receive notices.

I also appreciate the concerns you expressed about your constituents meeting the 60-day registration period for the extension of TPS for El Salvador. After reevaluating the 60-day re-registration period, DHS has determined it will provide the full designation extension periods for applicants to file their re-registration Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status and Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization to obtain an EAD, if desired. As such, on September 8, 2023, USCIS announced an extension of the re-registration periods for the TPS designation extension of El Salvador. The 18-month re-registration period under the designation of El Salvador now runs through March 9, 2025.

¹ See *DHS Rescinds Prior Administration's Termination of Temporary Protected Status Designations for El Salvador, Honduras, Nepal, and Nicaragua*, June 13, 2023, <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/news-releases/dhs-rescinds-prior-administrations-termination-of-temporary-protected-status-designations-for-el>.

² See *Temporary Protected Status Designated Country: El Salvador*, available online at <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-el-salvador>.

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Thank you again for your letter and interest in this important issue. Should you require any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ur M. Jaddou", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Ur M. Jaddou
Director