

USCIS Announces 6 More Months for Haitian Nationals to Seek TPS

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Eligible Haitian nationals will have an additional 6 months to apply for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), a relief program launched in response to the catastrophic earthquake in Haiti earlier this year. The new registration deadline is January 18, 2011.

TPS registration permits eligible Haitian nationals to continue living in the United States and to obtain work authorization for the duration of the program. Since the TPS program began, USCIS has conducted extensive outreach to communicate its important benefits and to provide clear information about the application process.

Janet Napolitano, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, designated Haiti for TPS for an 18-month period beginning on January 21, 2010. The designation applies to Haitians who have continuously resided in the United States since January 12, 2010, when the earthquake occurred; Haitian nationals who first entered the United States after that date are not eligible.