

TPS Registration for Haiti Ends on July 20, 2010

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On January 21, 2010, the Department of Homeland Security designated Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for eligible Haitian nationals as a result of the catastrophic earthquake that occurred in Haiti. The TPS designation for Haiti is effective through July 22, 2011.

The 180-day registration period for eligible Haitian nationals to apply for TPS **ends on July 20, 2010**. The designation means eligible Haitian nationals will not be removed from the United States and will also be eligible to apply to work in the United States. The designation applies only to those Haitians who resided in the United States on or before January 12, 2010.

Based upon past experience with other countries' nationals designated for TPS, one can expect it will be renewed for 18 months on numerous occasions and each time one must re-register. Honduras and Nicaragua continue to have TPS for eligible nationals and each TPS started in 1999 while El Salvador was designated in 2001.