

QUESTIONS ABOUT VENEZUELAN TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS

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Hotline Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M.
1-800-354-0365

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What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a form of temporary immigration status provided to nationals of specifically designated countries facing unsafe conditions.

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What does the redesignation of TPS mean for Venezuelans?

The federal government announced an expansion of TPS for Venezuelans who entered the United States before July 31, 2023. This means, Venezuelan nationals who entered the United States prior to July 31, 2023, might be eligible to apply for TPS, and work authorization.

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How can Venezuelans apply for TPS?

If you wish to apply for TPS for the first time you may now apply. Remember, you must apply before April 2, 2025. To apply, you must submit the following forms to USCIS:

- Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, and
- Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization

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To qualify for TPS, you:

- Must be a Venezuelan national/citizen,
- Must have been continuously residing in the United States since July 31, 2023,
- Must have maintained continuous physical presence since October 3, 2023, and
- Must register within the specified registration period (October 3, 2023–April 2, 2025).

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What documents will I need

As part of your application, you will need to gather evidence to prove that:

- **You are a national/citizen of Venezuela.**
 - A copy of your passport, a copy of your birth certificate, or any national identity document with your picture/fingerprint, issued by your country.
- **You have been continuously residing in the United States since July 31, 2023.**
 - This can include utility bills, cellphone bills, entry documents, receipts, and bank statements.
- **You have maintained a continuous physical presence in the United States since October 3, 2023.**
 - This can include rent receipts, utility bills, letters from companies, school records, hospital or medical records, or letters from your church.

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Could Venezuelans apply for Asylum and TPS at the same time?

Yes. Individuals who have applied for asylum or are seeking to apply for asylum can still apply for TPS. Individuals who missed their one-year deadline to apply for asylum can still apply for TPS.

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What if I don't have the documentation needed to prove that I am a Venezuelan national/citizen (ie a passport)?

If you don't have the documentation necessary to prove you are a Venezuelan national, there are secondary forms of evidence that immigration will accept to prove your nationality. These scenarios should be examined on a case-by-case basis.

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Is there a fee to file for TPS?

Yes. You may be asked to pay a fee to apply for TPS. For more information on the costs to apply to TPS visit www.nyc.gov/tps

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Remember: Only a licensed attorney or a DOJ Accredited Representative can file applications on your behalf.

Beware of immigration legal scams or fraudulent providers who may indicate otherwise and make false promises, such as:

- A way to get a work permit or visa immediately
- Statements indicating that there are no risks or consequences
- Claims of special influence with immigration authorities.