

Temporary Protected Status Fact Sheet

Benefits

What is TPS?

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary humanitarian benefit for people in the United States who are from a country that has suffered a national disaster or war. TPS allows beneficiaries to stay in the United States and legally work until they can safely return home.

TPS does not give you a green card.

TPS will allow you to live and work legally in the United States without fear, attend school, look for a better job, send money home, and obtain your driver's license and Social Security card. While you have TPS, you will not be deported unless you commit certain crimes.

All eligible Nepalis will be able to apply for TPS. Having TPS will not affect your ability to obtain another immigration benefit and no impact on any other immigration status you may have.

Eligibility

To qualify, you must

- (1) be from Nepal, or – if you are stateless – have last lived in Nepal before coming to the United States;
- (2) have been living in the United States since June 24, 2015;
- (3) have not left the United States since June 24, 2015;
- (4) not have committed certain crimes; and
- (5) submit the application by December 21, 2015.

An initial grant of Nepal TPS will be valid until December 24, 2016.

Be sure to speak to an immigration attorney or a BIA accredited representative to determine if you are eligible.

Documents

You will need to provide:

- To prove identity: a passport OR a birth certificate with photo identification OR any national identity document from Nepal that uses photographs or fingerprints
- To prove that you have been living in the US: any document that shows you live here, for example: pay stubs or W-2 forms, affidavits from employers, rent receipts, utility bills, school records, hospital or medical records, and affidavits from temples, unions, or other organizations.
- Proof you were in the US on June 24, 2015: Passport with an entry stamp, I-94, or visa

Eligibility even if in immigration court or if undocumented:

You can qualify for TPS even if you are in immigration court (now or in the past) or if you are undocumented.

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