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DHS Extends TPS Designation for Venezuela

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has extended Venezuela's temporary protected status (TPS) designation for 18 months, effective September 10, 2022, through March 10, 2024. Only beneficiaries under Venezuela's existing designation, and who were already residing in the United States as of March 8, 2021, are eligible to re-register for TPS under this extension. Venezuelans who arrived in the United States after March 8, 2021, are not eligible. Approximately 343,000 individuals are estimated to be eligible for TPS under the existing designation of Venezuela.

A forthcoming Federal Register notice will provide instructions for re-registering for TPS and applying to renew an employment authorization document (EAD). Venezuelans who are currently eligible for TPS under the existing designation but have not yet applied with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) should file their applications before the September 9, 2022, application deadline, including those Venezuelans who are covered under the January 2021 grant of Deferred Enforced Departure (DED), USCIS said. Venezuela's DED is set to expire July 20, 2022.