

I-821A TPS-Filing Instructions

Filing Instructions for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Applicants from Honduras and Nicaragua:

- **How do I register for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?**

Nationals of Nicaragua or Honduras (or eligible aliens who have no nationality and who last habitually resided in Nicaragua or Honduras) must submit a Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, and a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization. Also submit two (2) photographs, (1 1/2" x 1 1/2"), and supporting evidence of nationality and United States residency since December 30, 1998. **You must complete and submit a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, even if you already have or do not require employment authorization. Do not submit a completed FD-258 fingerprint card with your application. After INS receives your application, you will receive a notice to appear for fingerprinting.**

- **Where should I register for TPS?**

If you are filing as a national of Honduras or Nicaragua you should file your applications with the INS Service Center having jurisdiction over the state in which you live. For nationals of other designated TPS countries, file your application in accordance with the instructions contained in Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status.

If you live in Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia or in the U.S. Virgin Islands, mail your application to:

Vermont Service Center
ATTN: TPS
75 Lower Welden Street
St. Albans, VT 05479

If you live in Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii or Nevada, mail your application to:

California Service Center
ATTN: TPS
P.O. Box 10821
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-0821

If you live in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee or Texas, mail your application to:

Texas Service Center
P.O. Box 850997
Mesquite, TX 75185-0997

If you live elsewhere in the United States, please mail your application to:

Nebraska Service Center
P.O. Box 87821
Lincoln, NE 68501-7821

- **How much will it cost?**

Please file your TPS registration with the following fees:

I-821 Application for Temporary Protected Status	\$ 50.00
I-765 Application for Employment Authorization	\$100.00*
Fingerprinting Fee	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$175.00*

* If you already have or do not require employment authorization, you are exempt from the employment authorization fee of \$100.00. You may request a fee waiver for the I-821 and I-765 fees by completing and submitting an appropriately documented fee waiver request and requisite affidavit in accordance with 8 CFR 244.20. All applicants 14 years of age and older must submit the \$25 fingerprint fee. There is no waiver for the fingerprinting fee.

- **How can I get information on my case?**

For information before you file, please call 1-800-375-5283 or visit the INS website at <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>.

After you submit your registration package, you will receive a receipt from the Service Center. If you have questions, please contact the Service Center at the phone number listed on your receipt.

For Further Information: See 64 Federal Register (FR) 524 (Hondurans) and 64 FR 526 (Nicaraguans) for more complete information regarding Temporary Protected Status. See Title 8, Code of Federal Regulations 103.7(b) and 63 FR 43604 for information regarding application fees. See 63 FR 12979 for information regarding fingerprinting procedures and fees.