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Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas [extended Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\) for Syria](#) and also re-designated Syria for TPS through Sept. 30, 2022. Current beneficiaries who want to maintain their status must re-register March 19, 2021, through May 18, 2021. Syrian nationals and individuals having no nationality who last habitually resided in Syria may submit an initial registration application under the re-designation for TPS for Syria and apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

Given the time frames for processing TPS re-registration applications, USCIS has automatically extended the validity of EADs issued under the TPS designation for Syria. Any EADs previously issued based on TPS for Syria that contain a “Card Expires” date of March 31, 2021, have been automatically extended through Sept. 27, 2021.

Completing Form I-9

To complete or update Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, for Syrian TPS beneficiaries who present an EAD with a Category Code of A12 or C19 and a “Card Expires date” of March 31, 2021, employers should enter Sept. 27, 2021, as the new expiration date on Form I-9. You must reverify these employees before they start work on Sept. 28, 2021.

Find more details about this extension on the [TPS designation for Syria](#) page and instructions for completing Form I-9 on the [I-9 Central TPS](#) page.

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