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On Feb. 20, 2025, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem partially vacated the July 1, 2024, <u>notice</u> that extended and redesignated Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This new <u>notice</u> reduces the period of extension and redesignation of Haiti TPS from 18 months to 12 months and provides an amended end date of Aug. 3, 2025. Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with category A12 or C19 and an expiration date of Feb. 3, 2026, now expire on Aug. 3, 2025.

Individuals with a pending or approved TPS application may qualify for certain public benefits and REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards. When applying for a federal, state, or local government benefit, individuals will need to show a document proving they applied for or are beneficiaries of TPS for Haiti. They may provide a TPS Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with a category code of A12 or C19, or a copy of their Form I-797, Notice of Action, for a current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status.

USCIS will not recall and provide updated documents for previously issued TPS-related documentation with a Feb. 3, 2026, expiration date (EADs, Forms I-797, Notice of Action or Forms I-94, Arrival/Departure Record). Benefitgranting agencies must update their records to note the EAD with TPS category A12 or C19 with a Feb. 3, 2026, expiration date is now valid until Aug. 3, 2025.

SAVE will be able to verify an individual's TPS or pending TPS application (and any employment authorization) using information from any documents noted above. In some instances, the benefit-granting agency may need to institute additional verification to do so.

For more information regarding TPS Haiti Vacatur, refer to <u>90 FR 10511</u> dated Feb. 24, 2025.

For up-to-date information, please check<u>uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status</u>.

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