

## **USCIS** Update

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## USCIS Reminds Hondurans and Nicaraguans to Follow Late Re-Registration for TPS Guidance

**WASHINGTON**—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminds Hondurans and Nicaraguans, who are eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) but who have not filed for reregistration, to follow the late re-registration guidance.

USCIS may accept a late re-registration application if you have good cause for filing after the end of the re-registration period of your country. You must submit a letter that explains your reason for filing late with your re-registration application.

The 18-month extension of TPS for nationals of Honduras and Nicaragua will remain in effect through Jan. 5, 2012. Individuals who did not file a TPS re-registration application during the re-registration period will lose their TPS benefits, including employment authorization and protection from removal from the United States, *unless* they submit the application and demonstrate that they had good cause for filing late. The re-registration period for Honduras and Nicaragua closed July 6, 2010

If you are late filing your TPS re-registration application, processing may be delayed and can lead to gaps in your work authorization.

Further details on the extension of TPS for <u>Honduras</u> and <u>Nicaragua</u>, including the re-registration application requirements, fees and procedures, are available at <u>www.uscis.gov</u> on the TPS page for each country and in the *Federal Register* notices. TPS forms are available online or by calling the toll-free USCIS Forms line at 1-800-870-3676. For additional information, applicants may also contact USCIS at 1-800-375-5283.