



## Temporary Protect Status (TPS) Checklist

**1. Proof of nationality – bring at least one, but bring as many as you have:**

- a. All passports that you have (both current and expired)
- b. Birth certificate
- c. Photo ID (e.g. driver's license)
- d. National ID card with fingerprint and/or photo (e.g. Tazkera)

**2. Proof of your presence in the United States. You must show that you have been present in the United States since March 15, 2022.**

- a. Bring as many of the following as possible
- b. Bring documents covering the entire period from March 15, 2022 to the present (e.g. not everything from the same month, but different documents from each month up to the present)
- c. The documents should show your name, address, and the date here are some examples:

Passport with entry stamp/entry stamp on alternative document

I-94

Rent Receipts / Mortgage receipts, Rental Agreements, Deeds, Mortgages

Bank statements / Credit card bills

Medical records

Utility bills (gas/electric, water, trash)

Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 forms, etc.)

Cell phone / internet / cable bills

School records

Paystubs / employment records

Tax returns

Money Order receipts (for money sent in or out of country)

Amazon/ other online ordering records

Photos showing that you are in the United States

US Marriage Documents

Car insurance / registration

Mail you received in the U.S.

Birth Certificates of Children Born in the USA since you arrived

Social Media Page Entries showing location

Automobile Registration/license receipts

Letters from church, mosque, cultural center, union, etc. testifying as to dates of your presence in the U.S.

Any other documents that you believe prove that you have been present in the United States

<p><b>3. Bring EITHER: documentation to support a fee waiver</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Documentation (Verification of Benefits Letter) showing receipt of public benefits (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid)</li> <li>b. 2020 tax returns for ALL income earners in the household, including forms W2</li> <li>c. Any other proof of your current income</li> </ul>	<p><b>OR: filing fee in the amount of \$ see below for fees* (check or money order payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security”</b></p>
<p><b>4. If you have had any contact with law enforcement, please bring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Records of arrests</li> <li>b. Records of charges</li> <li>c. Certificates of disposition</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. In order to apply for a new Work Authorization Card (recommended even if you already have a valid EAD/Work Authorization Card):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bring 2 identical passport-style photos (2” by 2”/5 cm by 5cm)</li> </ul>	

**\*Filing fee chart, initial applications**

Age	TPS only	TPS and work permit
Under 14	\$50	\$50
14-65	\$135	\$545
66+	\$135	\$135

**USCIS Fee Calculator:**

<https://www.uscis.gov/feecalculator>

**Forms for TPS for your Reference:**

Form I-912 Fee Waiver: <https://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/document/forms/i-912.pdf>

Form I-821 TPS Application: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-821>

Form I-765 Work Authorization: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>

**Form I-131 for Advance Parole (travel document):** <https://www.uscis.gov/i-131> (Note this form is used for humanitarian parole, advance parole, and reentry permits, so advance parole is only one of its uses; there is no fee waiver for Advance Parole, so for each person who wants to get a travel document to leave the USA, **they will have to pay \$575**)

**USCIS/Immigration’s Site for TPS for Afghan Nationals:**

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-afghanistan>