



Next Steps: Filling My TPS Application (Afghan National)

Thank you for attending our Pro Se/Self-Filling TPS Clinic. We would like to assist you in ensuring that you mail your application for TPS and supporting documentation properly.

Afghan TPS initial registration period is from May 20, 2022-November 20, 2023

Complete your TPS Packet & Assemble it in the Following Order:

1. Check or Money Order (payable to “U.S. Department of Homeland Security” OR Form G-1450 (credit card form) on Top (***If you are paying the USCIS Fees/if applicable***))
2. Form G-1145 Request for e-notification
3. Form I-912 Fee Waiver (*If you are filling for a waiver of the USCIS Fees*)
 - a. Always file the fee waiver with supporting documentation or it will be denied! (Such as a verification of benefits letter or proof of income and recent year 1040 federal income tax).
4. Form I-821 Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Application with supporting documentation
 - a. Evidence of Nationality, Entry Date and Continuous and Physical U.S. Presence since March 15, 2022
5. Form I-765 Application for Work Authorization with supporting documentation (I-94, copy of back and front of prior EAD card, and one valid ID document (such as valid Afghan passport, CA ID card) , **Don't forget to include two passport photographs**)

Mail your Package to:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status/temporary-protected-status-designated-country-afghanistan> (click “Where to file”)

(note: The USCIS address for mailing our application is dependent on what courier you are using, and what state you are in). USCIS accepts forms by way of US Postal Service (USPS), FedEx, UPS, & DHL.

Filing Tips:

1. If filling USCIS forms by hand, use black ink only.
2. If you have supporting documentation that is in a foreign language, you must accompany the document with a certified English translation.
3. Do not forget to file for a new Work Permit/EAD card, despite already having one.
4. Your TPS EAD card will expire November 20, 2023 but USCIS can extend it with notice. It is important to have one to ensure you continue to have an EAD card.

5. Your new EAD card will be under a new category **c(19)** which is for TPS applicants awaiting approval of their TPS applications.
6. Do not forget to sign in the box indicated on the USCIS forms. It is imperative you stay in the box for all forms, particularly the I-765 form.
7. You can file for an advance parole travel document with your initial TPS or afterwards. There is no fee waiver for the travel document, and the USCIS fee is \$575 for each applicant. You can find the form here: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-131>
8. If you were ever arrested, charged or convicted of a criminal offense (anywhere in the world) you should consult with an immigration attorney BEFORE filling for TPS.
9. If you answered Yes on any of the questions on Form I-821, consult with an immigration attorney BEFORE filing for TPS.
10. Send copies only to USCIS and not original documents (unless it is a criminal record/disposition from the court).
11. If approved for TPS remember to maintain your TPS status by complying with all registration requirements (including reregistration if/when that occurs).

What's Next?

- You may or may not be asked to undergo biometrics (fingerprinting) again. Either way you will get a notice from USCIS.
- USCIS will send you notices for receipt of application(s), fee waiver/Form I-912 approval, biometrics and final application approval.
- If you move, always change your address with USCIS by using the AR-11 form online here: <https://www.uscis.gov/ar-11>
- If you move, you should also notify U.S. Postal Service (USPS) by filing out a change of address online or visit your post office for a change of address form.
- Processing timelines vary, Afghan TPS processing times are currently not yet published on the USCIS site but can take 6 months to a year to process. [USCIS processing times](#)

USCIS Fee Calculator & Important TPS related links:

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

[Form I-912 Request for Fee Waiver](#)

[I-821 form and instructions \(TPS Application\)](#)

[Form I-765 and instructions \(EAD/Work Authorization\)](#)

[I-131 Advance Parole/Travel Document](#)

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