

<p>DATE: 03/16/26</p>	<p>Technical Advisory (TA) DL 26-004</p>
<p>SUBJECT: Temporary Protected Status – Ethiopia</p>	

Overview:

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) is a temporary status provided to nationals of specifically designated countries that are confronting an ongoing armed conflict, environmental disaster, or extraordinary and temporary conditions. The Secretary of Homeland Security has the discretion of deciding when a country’s eligibility is discontinued or extended.

Details:

The Secretary of Homeland Security moved to end Ethiopia’s Temporary Protected Status (TPS). On Feb. 13, 2026, a judge in the U.S. District of Massachusetts issued an order that temporarily halted the termination from taking effect.

TPS beneficiaries who present an expired EAD with category A12 or C19, and/or an approved I-821 with the expiration June 12, 2024, and December 12, 2025, remain eligible through **April 8, 2026**. To receive a credential with an expiration date beyond April 8, 2026, individuals must provide alternative proof of lawful presence.

For over-the-counter transactions that do not verify in VLS, the issuance must be abandoned, and a temporary permit may be issued, not extending past April 8, 2026. Those that do not meet the requirements listed in the ADT are not entitled to issuance or for a temporary permit.

Conclusion:

If you need additional information, please contact your next level of management.