

DIVISION OF MOTORIST SERVICES

DATE: 03/26/2026	Technical Advisory (TA) DL 26-007
SUBJECT: Temporary Protected Status – Syria	

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 terminate Syria’s Temporary Protected Status (TPS). However, on November 19, 2025, a single judge in the Southern District of New York issued an order temporarily delaying the termination from taking effect.

TPS beneficiaries who present an expired EAD with category A12 or C19, or an approved I-821 showing expiration dates of March 31, 2021, September 30, 2022, March 31, 2024, or September 30, 2025, remain eligible through July 1, 2026. To obtain a credential valid beyond July 1, 2026, individuals must provide alternative proof of lawful presence.

Those that do not meet the requirements listed in the ADT are not eligible for issuance or for a temporary permit.

Conclusion:

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