



COALITION WELCOMES THE EXTENSION AND REDESIGNATION OF TPS FOR SYRIA

Extension of TPS for Syria allows approximately 6,200 current beneficiaries to retain TPS through September 5, 2025 if they continue to meet TPS eligibility requirements.

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WASHINGTON D.C., January 26, 2023 – The TPS-DED Administrative Advocacy Coalition (TPS-DED AAC) welcomes the successful [extension and redesignation](#) of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Syria for 18 months, from April 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. This significant development was achieved through an advocacy campaign led by TPS-DED AAC and the American Coalition for Syria (ACS). The Biden administration made this decision due to the ongoing armed conflict, large-scale destruction of infrastructure, widespread civilian casualties, persistent human rights abuses and violations, and the dire humanitarian crisis in Syria – all of which prevent individuals from safely returning to the country.

TPS-DED AAC and the ACS delivered a [letter](#) signed by 51 local, state, and national organizations to the Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, the Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, and the White House. The letter emphasized the extraordinary and temporary conditions in Syria resulting from the February 2023 earthquakes, the recent increase in armed clashes and bombings, cholera outbreaks, a humanitarian funding crisis, and a decade of violence and gross human rights abuses by the Assad regime.

TPS offers life-saving protection and humanitarian relief to non-citizens in the U.S. who are unable to safely return to their home country due to certain conditions in that country that make it unsafe for their return. There are approximately 6,200 Syrian TPS beneficiaries in the United States. This extension also allows the current beneficiaries to retain TPS through September 30, 2025. Legal Affairs Director of ACS member organization, the Syrian American Council (SAC), Sameer Sabounji, emphasized that "Renewing and extending their TPS protects their safety and well-being and enables them to continue rebuilding their lives and serving their local communities."

Moreover, the redesignation enables an estimated 2,000 additional Syrian nationals to file initial applications, provided they have continuously resided in the U.S. since January 25, 2024. The Department of Homeland Security also announced a Special Student Relief notice for Syrian F-1 nonimmigrant students so that they may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours, and reduce their course load while maintaining F-1 status through September 5, 2025.

The coalition recognizes and thanks the Biden administration's commitment to humanitarian relief and recognition of Syria's ongoing challenges. The coalition will continue its advocacy efforts and hopes that such measures continue to be proactively taken.

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The [American Coalition for Syria](#) is a coalition of U.S.-based organizations that support a principled U.S. policy based on democratic reform, human rights, accountability, and women empowerment in Syria.

The [TPS-DED AAC](#) is a national coalition of more than 100 organizations with deep expertise in law and policy surrounding TPS and DED. Member organizations range from community-based organizations directly serving impacted communities in the United States to international NGOs, working in and providing insight from affected countries.