

TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS CHECKLIST
INITIAL APPLICATION

TPS ELIGIBILITY:

- National or person without nationality who last habitually resided in Afghanistan
- Continuously resided in U.S. since March 15, 2022
- Continuously physically present in U.S. since May 20, 2022
- Not convicted of any felony or of 2+ misdemeanors
- If prior arrests and/or convictions, reviewed criminal records including final court dispositions
- No mandatory bars: persecution of others, convicted of particularly serious crime, serious nonpolitical crime outside the U.S, danger to security of U.S., engaged in terrorism, firmly resettled in another country prior to arriving in US
- No inadmissibility grounds
- Inadmissibility ground (s) – Waivable (non-waivable grounds include 212(a)(2)(A)(i), (2)(B), and (2)(C) (relating to crimes and drug offenses); 212(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D) relating to national security; and 212(3)(E) relating to Nazi persecution. USCIS does not require a waiver for the following additional grounds: being present without admission or parole, 212(a)(6)(A); stowaways, INA 212(a)(6)(D); student visa violators, INA 212(a)(6)(G); previously removed and seeking admission, 212(a)(9)(A); unlawful presence, 212(a)(9)(B); and unlawfully present after previous immigration violations, 212(a)(9)(C). For the remaining applicable grounds, a waiver may be granted for humanitarian purposes, to assure family unity, or when it is in the public interest.))

TPS DOCUMENTATION:

- Form I-821
- Form I-765 *(Note: Required only if employment authorization is wanted)*
- Proof of nationality (**one** of the below items)
 - Passport (*expired ok*); OR
 - Birth certificate + certified translation; OR
 - National identity document with photo and/or fingerprint

- Proof of date of entry to U.S.
 - Passport stamp
 - I-94
- Proof of continuous residence in U.S. since March 15, 2022 and continuous physical presence since May 20, 2022.
 - Employment records; pay stubs, income tax records; school records; rent receipts; mortgage payments; utility bills; hospital or medical records; bank statements; attestations from religious organizations, unions, organizations; birth certificates of children born in the U.S.; insurance policies; vehicle registration

TPS FEES:

- Check or Money Order made payable to "US Department of Homeland Security"
 - \$545 for people between 14 and 65 who want work authorization (*includes biometrics fee*)
 - \$135 for people between 14 and 65 who DO NOT want work authorization
 - \$135 for people over 65 (*work authorization included*)
 - \$50 for children under 14 years old
- Form I-912 Fee waiver plus documentation
 - Proof of income at or under 150% of the federal poverty guidelines (tax returns best evidence of this) OR;
 - Receipt of a means tested benefit (Medicaid, SNAP, TANF, and SSI. Includes federally funded, state funded, and locally funded programs) OR;
 - Financial hardship (medical expenses, financial hardship, homelessness, eviction)

WAIVER OF INADMISSIBILITY (If applicable):

- I-601 Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility
- Supporting documentation to show humanitarian, family unity, or public interest factors
- \$930 Fee – Check or Money Order made payable to "US Department of Homeland Security" or Form I-912 Fee Waiver request plus documentation

