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Update on Termination of Temporary Protected Status for Ethiopia (Release: April 13, 2026)

This guidance supersedes the [SAVE Termination of TPS for Ethiopia](#) message posted on April 7, 2026.

The Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation of Ethiopia and related benefits was set to terminate on Feb. 13, 2026. However, on Jan. 30, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts issued an order staying the TPS Ethiopia termination. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-10278-BEM (D. Mass.).

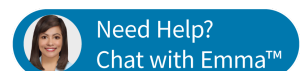
TPS Ethiopia beneficiaries will keep their status and employment authorization, and their documentation will remain valid per the court order. Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with category A12 or C19 remain valid and are extended. Refer to the EAD Extension dropdown on the [TPS Ethiopia](#) page for EAD expiration dates that are extended pending the resolution of the litigation.

SAVE will verify if an alien has received an approval for TPS that has not been withdrawn using information from any TPS-related document, such as a Form I-797, Approval Notice, or Form I-797C, Notice of Action. TPS beneficiaries will receive a SAVE manual response of:

- “Temporary Protected Status – Employment Authorized - Temp Emp Auth”;
- The employment authorized through date will be the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expiration date of “July 1, 2026”; and
- DHS Comments: “TPS and employment authorization are extended per court order. Please check the USCIS [TPS Ethiopia](#) page regularly for updates.”

As this matter is in active litigation, the status of the individual's TPS and employment authorization is dependent on developments in the litigation. User agencies should therefore check the USCIS [TPS Ethiopia](#) page regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for SAVE using [GovDelivery](#).

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ALERT: After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, former Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that Ethiopia no longer met the conditions for its designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). See Termination of the Designation of Ethiopia for Temporary Protected Status, [90 Fed. Reg. 58028](#) (Dec. 15, 2025). Ethiopia's TPS designation and related benefits were slated to terminate on Feb. 13, 2026. However, on Jan. 30, 2026, a single judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts stayed the former Secretary's TPS termination decision. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-10278-BEM (D. Mass.).

What this means for Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents (EADs):

The validity of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) issued under the TPS designation of Ethiopia with an original expiration date of June 12, 2024, and Dec. 12, 2025, is extended per court order. *African Communities Together et al. v. Noem et al.*, No. 26-cv-10278-BEM (D. Mass.).

When completing the Expiration Date (if any) fields on Form I-9, input "as per court order" in Section 1 and "July 1, 2026," in Section 2 along with a note in the additional information box. Employers may download the Alert and TPS Ethiopia webpage and attach them to Form I-9. Check USCIS websites regularly for updated information. When completing a case in E-Verify, enter the expiration date of "July 1, 2026," from the Form I-9. Check USCIS websites regularly for updated information.

Please also check the [USCIS TPS Ethiopia](#) page regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for Form I-9 and E-Verify using [GovDelivery](#).

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