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Alert: The length and availability of automatic extensions of TPS-based EADs have been impacted as a result of: 1) Federal Register notices unique to specific countries; 2) the DHS interim final rule, effective Oct. 30, 2025; and 3) USCIS implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) on July 22, 2025. In most instances, these events have reduced or eliminated the automatic extension periods for qualifying TPS applicants and beneficiaries with TPS-based EADs.

If you have a TPS-based EAD and maintain TPS status, and your renewal application was pending on or filed after July 22 but before Oct. 30, 2025, your automatic extension is limited by H.R. 1 to 1 year or the duration of TPS, whichever is shorter. You cannot claim the full 540-day extension, even if it is listed on your Form I-797C notice. Please note: if the Form I-797C receipt notice has a “Received Date” of July 21, 2025, or earlier, the up-to-540-day automatic extension applies; however, any part of this extension that falls after July 22, 2025, cannot last longer than 1 year from this date or for the duration of the TPS designation period, whichever is shorter.

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If a TPS beneficiary presents a TPS-based EAD and timely filed a renewal application that was pending on or filed after July 22 but before Oct. 30, 2025, their automatic extension is limited by H.R. 1 to 1 year or the duration of TPS, whichever is shorter. They are not eligible for an up-to-540-day extension, even if it is listed on their EAD renewal receipt notice. Please note: if the Form I-797C receipt notice has a “Received Date” of July 21, 2025, or earlier, the up-to-540-day automatic extension applies; however, any part of this extension that falls after July 22, 2025, cannot last longer than 1 year from this date or for the duration of the TPS designation period, whichever is shorter.

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