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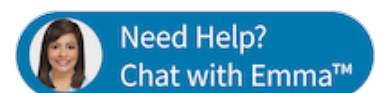
The Temporary Protected Status (TPS) designation of El Salvador and related benefits are set to terminate on Sept. 9, 2026. USCIS is sending notices to El Salvador TPS recipients who filed a Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, to obtain a Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) under category A12 or C19 during one of the last re-registration periods for TPS for El Salvador, continue to be eligible for TPS, and who were issued an EAD with category codes A12 or C19 that expires before the end of the TPS designation period on Sept. 9, 2026. The notices state that their expired TPS-based EADs are extended until Sept. 9, 2026, the end of the El Salvador TPS designation.

SAVE will verify if an alien has received an approval for TPS that has not been withdrawn using information from any TPS-related document, such as a Form I-797, Approval Notice, or Form I-797C, Notice of Action or Notice of Continued Evidence of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

- “Temporary Protected Status – Employment Authorized - Temp Emp Auth”; and
- The employment authorized through date will be the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) expiration date of “**Sept. 9, 2026**”

User agencies should check the USCIS [TPS El Salvador](#) webpage regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for SAVE using [Granicus Communications](#).

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Completing Form I-9:

If your employee has a qualifying TPS-based EAD, they should receive a notice from USCIS informing them of this automatic extension of their EADs to Sept. 9, 2026. If so, they may choose to present the following combination of documents as proof of identity and continued employment authorization under List A, valid until Sept. 9, 2026:

- An EAD that has an expiration date of any date on or after March 9, 2026, and before Sept. 9, 2026; and
- The USCIS notice extending their EAD.

When completing the “Expiration Date (if any)” fields on Form I-9, input in Section 1 and Section 2 “**Sept. 9, 2026**” along with a note in the Additional Information box. Employers may download the Alert and TPS El Salvador Automatic Employment Authorization Document (EAD) Extension webpage and attach them to Form I-9, along with the USCIS notice. When completing a case in E-Verify, enter the expiration date of “**Sept. 9, 2026**,” from the Form I-9.

Check the USCIS websites regularly for updated information. Please check the [USCIS TPS El Salvador](#) page regularly for updates. You may also subscribe to regular updates for Form I-9 and E-Verify using [Granicus Communications](#).

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