

## Haitian TPS (Temporary Protected Status) Requirements:

To qualify for Haitian TPS, you must prove that you are Haitian, that you were in the United States on January 12, 2010 and that you have resided in the United States since that date. You will need to bring the following documents with you:

1. Proof that you are from Haiti (one of the following):
  - Passport
  - Birth certificate accompanied by photo identification
  - Any national identity document from Haiti with your photo and/or fingerprint
2. Proof that you were in the US on January 12, 2010
  - Passport
  - I-94 Arrival/Departure Record
  - Employment records (pay stubs, W-2 Forms, IRS tax transcripts, state verification of filing state taxes, letters from your employer, letters from banks with whom you have done business).
  - Rent receipts, utility bills (gas, electric, phone, etc.), receipts, or letters from companies showing dates you received service.
  - School records (report cards, letter, etc.) from schools you or your children attended in the US, showing names of the schools and dates of attendance.
  - Hospital or medical records for treatment you or your children received, showing name of the medical facility or physician and the date of treatment or hospitalization.
  - Attestations by churches, unions or other organizations, concerning your residence and identifying you by name.
  - Other miscellaneous documents, such as birth certificates of children born in this country, dated bank transactions and wire transfers, letters, US Social Security card, driver's license, Selective Service card, contracts, mortgages, insurance policies, etc.
3. Two passport photos
4. Money order written to USCIS for \$470 if you want an employment authorization, \$130 if you do not need employment authorization. See fee waiver section below if you cannot afford the USCIS filing fees.

*Fee waivers* - you may be eligible for a fee waiver if you cannot afford the filing fees. If you choose to apply for a fee waiver, you must bring the following documentation: budget letter from HRA (Human Resource Administration) for anyone in your household, including your children; proof of monthly housing expenses such as a lease, letter from your landlord with the amount of rent you pay; copy of a Medicaid or Food Stamp card (for all family members); pay stubs for everyone that works in the family, income tax returns if you have them; other bills (phone, cable, gas, electric, etc.).

*Criminal Bars to TPS* - Individuals convicted of two misdemeanors or one felony are **NOT** eligible to apply for TPS. Also, some single misdemeanor convictions could bar individuals from getting TPS, though sometimes the law allows USCIS (US Citizenship and Immigration Services) to waive those bars. Anyone with a criminal arrest should speak to an immigration law expert before applying for TPS.

If you have a criminal record:

Get proof of the disposition of the case. A Certificate of Disposition is an official court document that indicates the current status of a case or its final disposition. To get a Certificate of Disposition bring the following items to the central clerk's office in the county in which your case was filed: Defendant's full name, date of birth, docket number (if you have it), picture ID, \$10 (exact change).

- If you have a subway or bus ticket or citation, get a disposition letter from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority at the Transit Adjudication Bureau, 505 Fulton Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Tel: 347-643-5805, Monday – Friday 9am to 4:30pm, \$5 (exact change), bring valid photo ID