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**FOSTERQUAN IMMIGRATION UPDATE ON DHS EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY  
PROTECTED STATUS (TPS) FOR EL SALVADOR**

On Tuesday, January 10, 2012, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security announced the [extension](#) of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for nationals of El Salvador. The extension allows TPS beneficiaries to remain in the U.S. through September 9, 2013. Salvadorans who were issued employment authorization pursuant to TPS will benefit from an automatic extension of their employment authorization until September 9, 2012. Thereafter, employment authorization requires a new Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card, which will have an expiration date of July 5, 2013. The TPS re-registration period for eligible nationals of El Salvador began January 9, 2012, and will end March 12, 2012.

This extension does not benefit Salvadorans who are not currently in the U.S, who arrived after March 9, 2001 and did not apply for TPS unless they qualify under the late initial registration provisions, who have been “convicted of a felony or two or more misdemeanors” in the U.S., or who are subject to “security or criminal-related bars of admission” or “bars to asylum.”

For assistance related to TPS re-registration issues or regarding the Form I-9 employment eligibility verification process for employees claiming TPS, please contact a FosterQuan attorney. As always, FosterQuan will continue to monitor TPS designations and extensions and will provide additional information via our firm’s [website](#) and future Immigration Updates® as appropriate.