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On January 21, 2010, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) published in the Federal Register the [formal designation](#) of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Publication in the Federal Register began the 180-day period for Haitians present in the United States as of January 12, 2010, to register for TPS and apply for employment authorization.

Applicants for TPS must file their applications with CIS within the 180-day registration period that began January 21, 2010, and will end July 20, 2010. The CIS has posted updates to a previously published series of [Questions & Answers](#) on the CIS website to assist applicants with the registration process.

For more information regarding initial registration of TPS for qualifying Haitians in the United States, potentially expedited immigration benefits for Haitians, or the benefits of TPS for your employees, please contact your FosterQuan immigration attorney.

FosterQuan will continue to monitor changes that impact the availability of immigration status and benefits for those impacted by the recent earthquake and will make future information, including application deadlines and details, available via future Immigration Updates[©] as appropriate, and on [our firm's website](#).