

establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**Richard Rodriguez,**

*Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Notice of Listing of Members of the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service 2012 Performance Review Board (PRB)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces the persons who will serve on the National Institutes of Health's Senior Executive Service 2012 Performance Review Board. This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314 (c) (4), which requires that members of performance review boards be appointed in a manner to ensure consistency, stability, and objectivity in performance appraisals and requires that notice of the appointment of an individual to serve as a member be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following persons will serve on the NIH Performance Review Board, which oversees the evaluation of performance appraisals of NIH Senior Executive Service (SES) members:

Colleen Barros, Chair; Courtney Billet; John Czajkowski; Michael Gottesman; Sally Rockey; Mona Rowe; Lawrence Tabak.

For further information about the NIH Performance Review Board, contact the Office of Human Resources, Workforce Relations Division, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room B3C07, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, telephone 301-402-9203 (not a toll-free number).

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**Francis S. Collins,**

*Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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#### Extension of Employment Authorization for Haitian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the January 12, 2010 Earthquake in Haiti

**AGENCY:** U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the extension of an earlier notice, which suspended certain requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. This notice extends the effective date of that notice.

**DATES:** This notice is effective October 1, 2012 and will remain in effect through July 22, 2014.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louis Farrell, Director, Student and Exchange Visitor Program; MS 5600, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; 500 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20536-5600; (703) 603-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Program information can be found at <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### What action is DHS taking under this notice?

The Secretary of Homeland Security is exercising her authority under 8 CFR 214.2(f)(9) to extend the suspension of the applicability of certain requirements governing on-campus and off-campus employment for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. See 75 FR 56120, September 15, 2010. The original notice was effective from September 15, 2010 until July 22, 2011, with a subsequent notice providing for an 18-month extension from July 22, 2011 until January 22, 2013. See 76 FR 28997, May 19, 2011. Effective with this publication,

suspension of the requirements is extended for an additional 18 months, through July 22, 2014.

F-1 nonimmigrant students granted employment authorization through the notice will continue to be deemed to be engaged in a "full course of study" for the duration of their employment authorization, provided they satisfy the minimum course load requirement described in 75 FR 56120. See 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6)(i)(F).

##### Who is covered under this action?

This notice applies exclusively to F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who were lawfully present in the United States in F-1 nonimmigrant status on January 12, 2010 under section 101(a)(15)(F)(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(F)(i), and (1) are enrolled in an institution that is Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)-certified for enrollment of F-1 students, (2) are currently maintaining F-1 status, and (3) are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

This notice applies both to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as elementary school, middle school, and high school students. The notice, however, applies differently to elementary school, middle school, and high school students (see the discussion published in 75 FR 56121 in the question, "Does this notice apply to elementary school, middle school, and high school students in F-1 status?").

F-1 students covered by this notice who transfer to other academic institutions that are SEVP-certified for enrollment of F-1 students remain eligible for the relief provided by means of this notice.

##### Why is DHS taking this action?

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) took action to provide temporary relief to F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and experienced severe economic hardship as a result of the January 12, 2010 earthquake. See 75 FR 56120. It enabled these F-1 students to obtain employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school was in session, and reduce their course load, while continuing to maintain their F-1 student status.

Haiti continues to struggle, with many people still displaced as a result of the earthquake. As Haiti rebuilds, the country continues to experience significant difficulties in recovering. F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti may depend on

money from relatives in Haiti who are themselves continuing to recover from the earthquake.

The United States is committed to continuing to assist the people of Haiti. DHS is therefore extending this employment authorization for F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti and who are continuing to experience severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake.

#### How do I apply for an employment authorization under the circumstances of this notice?

F-1 nonimmigrant students whose country of citizenship is Haiti who were lawfully present in the United States on January 12, 2010 and are experiencing severe economic hardship as a result of the earthquake may apply for employment authorization under the guidelines described in 75 FR 56120. This notice extends the time period during which such F-1 students may seek employment authorization due to the earthquake. It does not impose any new or additional policies or procedures beyond those listed in the original notice. All interested F-1 students should follow the instructions listed in the original notice.

Janet Napolitano,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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### Extension of the Designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status

**AGENCY:** U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is extending the designation of Haiti for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for 18 months from January 23, 2013 through July 22, 2014. The extension allows currently eligible TPS beneficiaries to retain TPS through July 22, 2014. The Secretary has determined that an extension is warranted because the conditions in Haiti that prompted the initial 2010 TPS designation and the 2011 redesignation continue to be met. There continue to be extraordinary and temporary conditions in Haiti resulting from the devastating effects of the

January 2010 earthquake that prevent Haitians from returning to their country in safety. Permitting eligible Haitians to remain temporarily in the United States is not contrary to the national interest of the United States.

This notice also sets forth procedures necessary for nationals of Haiti (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti) to re-register for TPS and to apply for renewal of their Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Re-registration is limited to persons who have previously registered for TPS under the designation of Haiti and whose applications have been granted. Certain nationals of Haiti (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Haiti) who have not previously applied for TPS may be eligible to apply under the late initial registration provisions, if they meet: (1) At least one of the late initial filing criteria and (2) all TPS eligibility criteria (including continuous residence in the United States since January 12, 2011, and continuous physical presence in the United States since July 23, 2011).

USCIS will issue new EADs with a July 22, 2014 expiration date to eligible Haitian TPS beneficiaries who timely re-register and apply for EADs under this extension. Given the timeframes involved with processing TPS re-registration applications, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) recognizes that all re-registrants may not receive new EADs until after their current EADs expire on January 22, 2013. Accordingly, this Notice automatically extends the validity of EADs issued under the TPS designation of Haiti for 6 months, from January 22, 2013 through July 22, 2013, and explains how TPS beneficiaries and their employers may determine which EADs are automatically extended and their impact on the Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) and E-Verify processes.

**DATES:** The 18-month extension of the TPS designation of Haiti is effective January 23, 2013, and will remain in effect through July 22, 2014. The 60-day re-registration period begins October 1, 2012 and will remain in effect until November 30, 2012.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- For further information on TPS, including guidance on the application process and additional information on eligibility (including eligibility for late initial registration), please visit the USCIS TPS Web page at <http://www.uscis.gov/tps>. The general TPS Web page has detailed information on

filing and eligibility requirements. You can find specific information about this extension of Haiti for TPS by selecting "TPS Designated Country: Haiti" from the menu on the left of the TPS Web page. You can obtain information in French or Creole by selecting the language from the menu on the right from the TPS Haiti-specific Web page.

- You can also contact the TPS Operations Program Manager at the Status and Family Branch, Service Center Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20529-2060; or by phone at (202) 272-1533 (this is not a toll-free number). **Note:** The phone number provided here is solely for questions regarding this TPS notice. It is not for individual case status inquiries.

- Applicants seeking information about the status of their individual cases can check Case Status Online, available at the USCIS Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov>, or call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833). Service is available in English and Spanish only.

- Further information will also be available at local USCIS offices upon publication of this notice.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Abbreviations and Terms Used in This Document

BIA—Board of Immigration Appeals  
DHS—Department of Homeland Security  
DOS—Department of State  
EAD—Employment Authorization Document  
Government—U.S. Government  
HNP—Haitian National Police  
IDP—Internally Displaced Persons  
IJ—Immigration Judge  
INA—Immigration and Nationality Act  
OSC—U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices  
PAHO—Pan American Health Organization  
Secretary—Secretary of Homeland Security  
SAVE—USCIS Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program  
TPS—Temporary Protected Status  
UN—United Nations  
USCIS—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

#### What is Temporary Protected Status (TPS)?

- TPS is an immigration status granted to eligible nationals of a country designated for TPS under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), or to persons without nationality who last habitually resided in the designated country.

- During the TPS designation period, TPS beneficiaries are eligible to remain in the United States and may obtain