



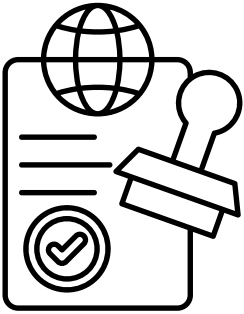
New Immigration Announcement for Lebanese Nationals

The federal government announced **two programs** that will allow certain Lebanese nationals currently living in the United States **to apply for a work permit.**

- 1** Eligible Lebanese nationals who have been in the United States **since July 26, 2024**, could apply for a work permit via **Deferred Enforced Departure.**
- 2** Eligible Lebanese nationals who have been in the United States since **October 16, 2024**, will be able to apply for **Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**, and eventually a work permit, in the coming weeks. **Applications for this program are not being accepted at this time.**

Deferred Enforced Departure for Lebanon

What is DED?



Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) protects certain individuals from deportation and allows them to apply for work authorization for specific amount of time, determined by the President.

The government's recent announcement **allows eligible individuals to begin applying for a work permit** as early as today. If approved, you will get a work permit that will be **valid until January 25, 2026.**

How do I qualify?



Non-US Citizens who are **Lebanese nationals** and were **present in the U.S. since July 26, 2024**, qualify for deferred enforced departure **EXCEPT** for those who:

- **Voluntarily returned** to Lebanon after **July 26, 2024**,
- **Have not continuously lived in the U.S.** since **July 26, 2024.**

New Designation for Temporary Protected Status for Lebanon

What is TPS?



Temporary Protected Status (TPS) provides **temporary relief from deportation and work authorization** for immigrants already in the United States who cannot return to their home country.

How can I apply?



Applications for Lebanese TPS are not being accepted at this time. We will update you when you can apply.

In the meantime, you can gather documents to prove (1) your nationality and (2) you have been continuously living in the United States since **October 16, 2024.**



1-800-354-0365

Monday to Friday, 9AM to 6PM

Access legal help by calling the MOIA
Immigration Legal Support Hotline

If you have any questions regarding how you can apply/utilize either program, please consult a licensed attorney or DOJ Accredited Representative.



For more information about how to protect yourself from immigration legal fraud, please [visit our website:](http://www.nyc.gov/immigrationfraud)
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BEWARE OF LEGAL IMMIGRATION SCAMS AND FRAUDULENT ACTORS

Remember:

- Only a licensed attorney or a DOJ Accredited Representative can file applications on your behalf.
- A public notary who is not a licensed attorney is unable to fill out these forms/file them on your behalf. They also cannot charge you to do this.



Immigration law is complicated. Beware of immigration legal scams or fraudulent providers who may indicate otherwise and make false promises, such as:

- A way to get a work permit or visa **immediately**.
- Statements indicating that there are **no risks or consequences**.
- Claims of **special influence** with immigration authorities.