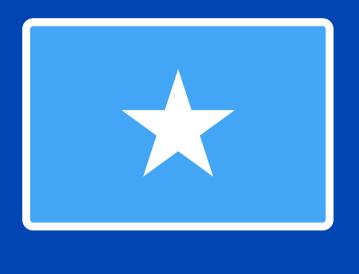
#### **Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs**





New Announcement for Somali Nationals

On July 19, 2024, the U.S. Government announced the redesignation of Temporary Protected Status for Somalia.



TPS is a temporary immigration protection that allows certain people to stay in the United States if it is unsafe for them to return to their country. People who apply for TPS can also apply for a work permit.

# **Who is Eligible?**

This means people from Somalia who have been living in the U.S. since July 12, 2024, can apply for TPS, and eventually a work permit.

Those who already have TPS can renew their TPS for an additional 18 months and must reapply between July 22, 2024, and September 20, 2024, to avoid losing their status and work permits.

## When Can I Apply?



You can begin to submit applications for **TPS starting July 19, 2024.** To apply, you will need documents to prove:



your nationality and



your presence and residence in the U.S. since July 12, 2024. We encourage you to <u>only</u> consult immigration matters with a licensed attorney or a DOJ accredited representative.



For more information about how to protect yourself from immigration legal fraud, please <u>visit our website:</u> www.nyc.gov/immigrationfraud



## 1-800-354-0365

Monday to Friday, 9AM to 6PM

Access legal help by calling the MOIA Immigration Legal Support Hotline

### **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.