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After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem has [determined](#) that Ethiopia no longer meets the statutory basis for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and that it is contrary to the national interest to permit nationals of Ethiopia (or aliens having no nationality who last habitually resided in Ethiopia) to remain temporarily in the United States, so she terminated the designation. Ethiopia's TPS designation and related benefits terminate on Feb. 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Forms I-766, Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) with a category A12 or C19 and a Card Expires date of Dec. 12, 2025, or June 12, 2024, issued under a prior TPS designation of Ethiopia are now valid through Feb. 13, 2026. TPS Ethiopia applicants or beneficiaries presenting an EAD from a previous TPS Ethiopia designation do not need to show any other document, such as a Form I-797 or Form I-797C, Notice of Action, receipt notice to establish the new EAD validity period.

SAVE will verify if an alien has TPS or a pending TPS application (and any updated employment authorization validity period) using information from any documents noted above. In some instances, the benefit-granting agency may need to institute additional verification.

Where an alien's TPS has expired and they have no other lawful status, SAVE will provide a "No Status" response. A SAVE "No Status" response can only be provided by manual third step verification.

Benefit applicants whose TPS has been terminated may have another lawful basis to remain in the U.S. and may also be employment authorized based on another immigration status or a pending application. SAVE provides point-in-time immigration verification, including any current immigration status and pending applications.

For more information regarding termination of TPS for Ethiopia, please refer to [90 FR 58028](#) and the [TPS designation for Ethiopia](#) webpage.

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