

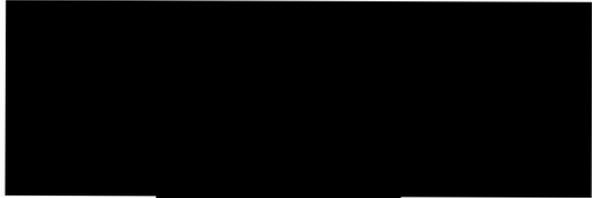


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FILE: [REDACTED] OFFICE: Vermont Service Center
[EAC 08 036 52076, *appeal*]
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DATE: AUG 01 2008

IN RE: Applicant [REDACTED]

APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration
and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to
the Vermont Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application was denied by the Director, Vermont Service Center (VSC), and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed as moot.

The applicant is a native and citizen of Liberia who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed a Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on April 16, 2007. The director denied the application on October 1, 2007, after determining the applicant had failed to establish she was eligible for late initial registration.

On appeal the applicant requests that her application be re-considered because of her age, her difficulty completing paperwork and her homeless situation.

Section 244(c) of the Act, and the related regulations in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2, provide that an applicant who is a national of a foreign state designated by the Attorney General is eligible for TPS only if such alien establishes that he or she:

- (a) Is a national of a state designated under section 244(b) of the Act;
- (b) Has been continuously physically present in the United States since the effective date of the most recent designation of that foreign state;
- (c) Has continuously resided in the United States since such date as the Attorney General may designate;
- (d) Is admissible as an immigrant except as provided under section 244.3;
- (e) Is not ineligible under 8 C.F.R. § 244.4; and
- (f)
 - (1) Registers for Temporary Protected Status during the initial registration period announced by public notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, or
 - (2) During any subsequent extension of such designation if at the time of the initial registration period:
 - (i) The applicant is a nonimmigrant or has been granted voluntary departure status or any relief from removal;
 - (ii) The applicant has an application for change of status, adjustment of status, asylum, voluntary departure, or any relief from removal which is pending or subject to further review or appeal;

(iii) The applicant is a parolee or has a pending request for reparole; or

(iv) The applicant is a spouse or child of an alien currently eligible to be a TPS registrant.

(g) Has filed an application for late registration with the appropriate Service director within a 60-day period immediately following the expiration or termination of conditions described in paragraph (f)(2) of this section.

Liberia was designated for TPS on August 25, 2004. The initial registration period pursuant to the current re-designation was August 25, 2004 – February 21, 2005. The record shows that the applicant filed her application with Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) on April 16, 2007.

To qualify for late registration, an applicant must provide evidence that during the initial registration period, he or she fell within at least one of the provisions described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(f)(2) above. The applicant has not done so and, therefore, is ineligible for TPS.

On September 20, 2006, CIS announced the termination of TPS for Liberia, effective October 1, 2007. As TPS for Liberians has been terminated, the fact that the applicant has not overcome the VSC Director's ground for denial has no practical effect.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed as moot.