

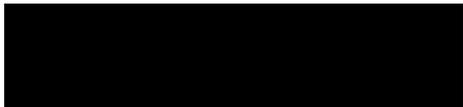
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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: JUL 05 2007  
[WAC 05 225 80183 as it relates to SRC 01 204 54205]

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 California Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

*Cindy N. Gomez*  
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The initial application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center (TSC). A subsequent application for re-registration was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is currently before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The case will be *sua sponte* reopened, the applications will be approved and the appeal will be sustained.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador 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 an initial application for TPS under receipt number SRC 01 204 54205 on May 8, 2001. The director denied the initial application on February 18, 2005, because the applicant had abandoned her application by failing to appear for fingerprinting.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on May 13, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS.<sup>1</sup>

The director denied the re-registration application because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

If the applicant is filing an application as a re-registration, a previous grant of TPS must have been afforded the applicant, as only those individuals who are granted TPS must register annually. In addition, the applicant must continue to maintain the conditions of eligibility. 8 C.F.R. § 244.17.

As stated above, the director denied the initial application on February 18, 2005, after determining that the applicant had abandoned her application by failing to respond to a request to appear for fingerprinting. However, the record reflects that the applicant's fingerprints were taken and sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (FBI), by Citizenship and Immigration Services on July 21, 2005 and on June 19, 2006. The applicant's FBI fingerprint results report identified no derogatory information.

The applicant has satisfied all other eligibility requirements for TPS. Therefore, the application is approved.

An alien applying for temporary protected status has the burden of proving that he or she meets the above requirements and is eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has met this burden.

**ORDER:** The denial of the initial application is withdrawn, the appeal for the re-registration application is sustained, and both applications are approved.

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<sup>1</sup> The applicant filed additional re-registration applications in 2002, 2003, 2005, and now, 2006.