



## **Update - Temporary Protected Status (TPS)**

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All Ohio credential (DL-ID) holders who have Temporary Protected Status (TPS) should continually follow updates provided by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) which can be found at <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/temporary-protected-status>. TPS designations may be extended by USCIS, and individuals should check USCIS' updates to determine if the extension applies to them. Individuals must demonstrate evidence of lawful immigration status when applying or renewing their Ohio driver license or identification card (DL-IDs).

If an individual's TPS status is extended, immigration documentation and all other required documentation may be submitted as part of an Ohio DL-ID application. The local Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) licensing agency will review all USCIS documents and electronically validates lawful status through the federal immigration authority. In some cases, an additional verification by USCIS through SAVE electronic verification system is required, with the possibility that the USCIS review process surpasses the extension expiration date of the credential.<sup>1</sup>The applicant does not have driving privileges when the license is expired and the application is pending USCIS validation. Ohio's DL-ID expiration date is taken from an individual's current immigration status, and determines if they are eligible to apply or renew their Ohio (DL-IDs).

**Please note that once your license is expired, you are not permitted to drive. Driving without a valid license is a crime and could result in criminal penalties or prosecution.**

To check your legal verification status and/or driving privilege status:

- Check SAVE verification case status at [www.uscis.gov/save/casecheck](http://www.uscis.gov/save/casecheck)
- Check driving privilege status by accessing your BMV Driving Record through BMV Online Services or Live Chat at [www.bmv.ohio.gov](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov).

If you have additional questions about the status of your license and driving privileges, please call Ohio BMV at **(844) 644-6268** or visit [bmv.ohio.gov](http://bmv.ohio.gov). Below is a QR code to access the website. The Ohio BMV is unable to address questions about federal immigration policy and your legal status.



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<sup>1</sup>When this occurs, the Ohio BMV will be notifying of applicants of eligible refunds.