

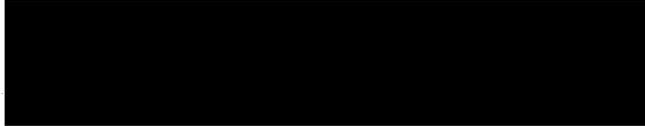


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FILE:   
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Office: Texas Service Center

Date: FEB 28 2003

IN RE: Applicant: 

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

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



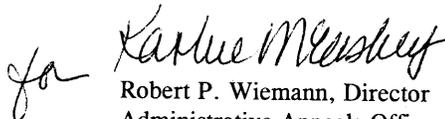
INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(1)(i).

If you have new or additional information that you wish to have considered, you may file a motion to reopen. Such a motion must state the new facts to be proved at the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. Any motion to reopen must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reopen, except that failure to file before this period expires may be excused in the discretion of the Service where it is demonstrated that the delay was reasonable and beyond the control of the applicant or petitioner. *Id.*

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Robert P. Wiemann, Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

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

The director determined that the evidence furnished by the applicant did not contain all of the requested information. She further determined that the applicant failed to submit evidence, as had been requested, to establish that he was eligible for filing after the initial registration period from January 5, 1999 to August 20, 1999. The director, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, counsel submits a statement from the applicant in which he states that the reason he did not file within the allowed registration period was simply, "poverty," and he finds this to be credible evidence and should not be rejected as a legitimate reason, as found at 45 C.F.R. § 1060.2.

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

- (a) Is a national, as defined in section 101(a)(21) of the Act, of a foreign 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 TPS 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 condition described in paragraph (f) (2) of this section.

The term continuously resided as used in 8 C.F.R. § 244.1 means residing in the United States for the entire period specified in the regulations and since December 30, 1998. An alien shall not be considered to have failed to maintain continuous residence in the United States by reason of brief, casual, and innocent absence as defined within this section or due merely to a brief temporary trip abroad required by emergency or extenuating circumstances outside the control of the alien.

The term continuously physically present as used in 8 C.F.R. § 244.1 means actual physical presence in the United States for the entire period specified in the regulations and since January 5, 1999. An alien shall not be considered to have failed to maintain continuous physical presence in the United States by virtue of brief, casual, and innocent absences as defined within this section.

The record reflects that the applicant filed his TPS application on May 28, 2002. In a notice of intent to deny dated June 18, 2002, the applicant was requested to submit evidence to establish that: (1) he has continuously resided in the United States since December 30, 1998; (2) he has been continuously physically present since January 5, 1999; and (3) he was eligible for filing after the initial registration period from January 5, 1999 to August 20,

1999. Because the applicant's response did not contain all of the requested information, the director denied the application.

Aliens applying under the provisions for late initial registration must prove that they are eligible because during the initial registration period of January 5, 1999 through August 20, 1999, they fell within the provisions described in paragraph (f)(2) above.

The applicant states, on appeal, that since arriving in the United States in 1998, he has been suffering hardships, it has been impossible for him to hold a steady job because of his immigration status, any money he made went for food and lodging, and it had been a struggle to save up the money to pay for the filing fees. Therefore, he did not file his TPS application because of poverty.

Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 103.7(c)(4), fees for applications for Temporary Protected Status may be waived pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 244.20.

8 C.F.R. § 244.20(a) states, in part:

Any of the fees prescribed in 8 CFR § 103.7(b) [amounts of fees] which relate to applications to the district director or service center director for Temporary Protected Status may be waived if the applicant establishes that he or she is unable to pay the prescribed fee.

While counsel, on appeal, asserts that no benefits are to be denied because of financial difficulties, no evidence was furnished to establish that the applicant requested for waiver of the application fee with the Service because he was unable to pay the prescribed fee, pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 244.20(a).

The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that he meets the requirements enumerated above and is otherwise eligible under the provisions of section 244 of the Act. The applicant has failed to meet this burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.