

Immigration Updates from May 2025

Workshops - 1	Applications - 2	Consultations - 9	Trainings - 0
Completed: 05/03: L324; Consultation Workshop; Buena Park, CA Upcoming: 06/07: L540; UCAN Workshop; Waco, TX 06/27; L3000; Virtual UCAN Training 07/12: L3000; UCAN Workshop; Des Moines, WA 07/19: L3000; UCAN Workshop; Yakima, WA 08/08: United Latinos Education Conference; San Diego, CA 10/04: L1546; UCAN Workshop; Chicago, IL			

IMMIGRATION CHANGES & UPDATES FROM MARCH

The month of May continued the onslaught of immigration changes by executive action, with the Supreme Court weighing in on a handful of decisions. Here is a summary of some of the biggest changes from the month and what it means to you:

Updates regarding Temporary Protected Status (TPS)

- **Supreme Court Allows Government to Deport Venezuelans While Pending Court Case Plays out**
 - On Monday, May 19, the Supreme Court granted the Trump Administration's emergency request to pause a U.S. District Judge's order stopping the government from deporting Venezuelans who had TPS under the 2023 designation. Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented. Procedurally, this case continues through the 9th Circuit and there is no longer a "stay" in place preventing the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) from terminating TPS protections and work authorization under the 2023 Venezuela designation. Because the Supreme Court sided with the Trump Administration, it means that Venezuelans who had TPS through the 2023 designation may lose their status and work authorization.
 - The Supreme Court's May 19 ruling did *not* affect the 2021 designation. These individuals remain protected for now through Sept. 10, 2025.
 - If you had TPS through the 2023 designation and you have not spoken to an immigration attorney yet about your other legal pathways to staying in the United States, you need to do so promptly.
- **TPS Designation for South Sudan Extended by 6 Months**
 - On May 6, 2025, USCIS published a Notice in the Federal Register automatically extending TPS for South Sudan for six additional months. Now, instead of TPS ending for those from South Sudan on May 4, 2025, it ends on November 3, 2025. The notice also automatically extends for six months the validity of certain Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) that were previously issued under the TPS designation of South Sudan with a Category Code of A12 or C19 and a "Card Expires" date of 5/3/25 or 11/3/23.
- **TPS for Afghanistan Ending on July 14, 2025**
 - On May 13, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the termination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Afghanistan, effective July

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14, 2025. The DHS Secretary determined that Afghanistan no longer met the country conditions required to meet country conditions for TPS designation.

- Employment authorization documents (EADs) bearing category code A12 or C19, with expiration dates of either May 20, 2025 or November 20, 2023, are automatically extended through July 12, 2025. After this date, they become invalid.

Legislation Going into Effect

- **REAL ID Now in Effect**

- The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses and identification cards." The Act and implementing regulations establish minimum security standards for license issuance and production and prohibit federal agencies from accepting noncompliant driver's licenses and identification cards.
- REAL ID enforcement began May 7, 2025. This means that after this date, federal agencies, including DHS and TSA, may only accept state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards as identification for purposes of accessing federal facilities - including TSA airport security checkpoints - if the license or card was issued by a REAL ID compliant state in accordance with the REAL ID security standards.
- *How do you know if you have a REAL ID compliant state license?* REAL ID-compliant cards will have one of the following markings on the upper top portion of the card. If the card does not have one of these markings, it is not REAL ID-compliant and won't be accepted as proof of identity to board commercial aircraft



- What other forms of identification are valid to enter federal buildings or to fly domestically if I do not have a REAL ID compliant license?
 - Permanent resident card
 - Border crossing card
 - Foreign government-issued passport
 - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766); *And many others ...*

Other Changes in the News

- **ICE Attorneys (OPLA) Seek to Reopen Administratively Closed Cases with Immigration Court**

- According to inside sources, the Office of the Principal Legal Advisor (OPLA) for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will begin filing motions to recalendar in all cases that were previously administratively closed. Reports indicate these motions should be filed by Wednesday, July 9, 2025. When such a motion is filed, the Respondent only has 10 days to respond to that motion to oppose it.

- **Trump Administration Seeks Deportation to *Separate Countries***

- In recent months, the Trump Administration has been deporting people to countries to which they do not belong, simply because the individual's home country will not take them back. One such "third" deportation country has been South Sudan. A District Court Judge in Massachusetts halted the government from doing this

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because it is illegal, but the Trump Administration asked the Supreme Court to give its own opinion. One can expect a decision from the Court soon.

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Helpful Resources and Links You Should Know About:

Resource Name	Description	Link
EOIR Automated Case Portal	If you have an A-Number (a unique number given to non-citizens during encounters with immigration officials), you can use that number to check on the status of your immigration court case on this website and see your upcoming court dates.	English https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/ Spanish https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/es/
ICE Detainee Locator	If someone you know has been detained by ICE for at least 48 hours, you will be able to find out where they are detained using this link.	https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search
USCIS Case Status Online	If you have a receipt number from USCIS, use this link to see what the latest status of that receipted item is with the agency.	https://egov.uscis.gov/
USCIS Case Inquiry	If you are missing a receipt, if your case is outside of normal processing times, if your document has errors on it due to government mistakes, or if you need to request accommodations for an upcoming appointment, use this link.	https://egov.uscis.gov/e-request/Intro.do
Check Case Processing Times	If you have submitted a case with USCIS, you can see the expected processing times by case type using this website.	https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/
Automatic Employment Authorization Document Extension	If you have a work permit (EAD) that is expiring soon, it is possible that it has been automatically extended. Only some types of work permits are extended automatically. Use this website to see if yours has been.	https://www.uscis.gov/eadautoextend
Special Immigrant Juveniles	If you (or one of your members) are under the age of 21 and unmarried, please check your eligibility for Special Immigrant Juvenile status using the criteria listed on this website.	https://www.uscis.gov/working-in-US/eb4/SIJ