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United States Immigration Relief Measures for Individuals from Haiti

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On January 18, 2010, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) issued DHS' immigration relief measures for individuals from Haiti. DHS will continue to monitor the situations in Haiti to determine if additional actions will be required. As of January 18, 2010, the available immigration relief measures include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Favorable adjudication of applications for extension or change of status. Individuals who previously held valid nonimmigrant status may also apply.
2. Automatic extension of advance paroles until March 12, 2010 for individuals already in Haiti whose parole documents expire on or after January 12, 2010.
3. Individuals already paroled into the U.S. may apply to extend their parole documents.
4. Stay of removal applies on case-by-case basis.
5. Expedited processing of certain pending and/new immigration applications or petitions.
6. Individuals from Haiti who are currently in the U.S. in F-1 student status who may no longer afford their school fees may be able to apply for Employment Authorization.
7. Certain individuals from Haiti currently in the U.S. may apply for employment authorization.
8. Temporary protection status (TPS) applies to eligible individuals from Haiti.

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