



Application for Temporary Protected Status

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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Part 1. Type of Application (*check one*)

- 1.a. ☐ This is my initial (*first time*) application for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). I was not previously granted TPS.
- 1.b. ☐ This is my re-registration application for TPS. I was previously granted TPS.

Are you also filing a request for employment authorization?

- 2.a. ☐ Yes, I am requesting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), and I am filing Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, together with my Form I-821.
- 2.b. ☐ No, I am not currently requesting employment authorization, but I am filing Form I-765 (*as required for administrative purposes*) together with my Form I-821.

U.S. Mailing Address

- 2.a. In Care Of Name
- 2.b. Street Number and Name
- 2.c. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐
- 2.d. City or Town
- 2.e. State 2.f. ZIP Code
- 2.g. Is your current mailing address the same as your physical address? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "No" to **Item Number 2.g.**, please provide your physical address below.

Part 2. Information About You

- 1.a. Family Name (*Last Name*)
- 1.b. Given Name (*First Name*)
- 1.c. Middle Name

U.S. Physical Address

- 3.a. Street Number and Name
- 3.b. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐
- 3.c. City or Town
- 3.d. State 3.e. ZIP Code

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Part 2. Information About You (continued)**Other Information**

4. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-
5. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶
6. U.S. Social Security Number *(if any)*
▶
7. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
8. Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female
9. City/Town/Village of Birth
10. Country of Birth
11. Country of Residence
12. Country of Citizenship/Nationality *(if any)*
13. Marital Status
☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Single ☐ Divorced

Other Names Used *(if any, including maiden name)*

- 14.a. Family Name *(Last Name)*
- 14.b. Given Name *(First Name)*
- 14.c. Middle Name

Other Dates of Birth Used *(if any)*

- 15.a. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
- 15.b. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶

16. Ethnicity *(Select only one box)*
☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Not Hispanic or Latino
17. Race *(Select all applicable boxes)*
☐ White
☐ Asian
☐ Black or African American
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
18. Height Feet Inches
19. Weight Pounds
20. Eye Color *(Select only one box)*
☐ Black ☐ Blue ☐ Brown
☐ Gray ☐ Green ☐ Hazel
☐ Maroon ☐ Pink ☐ Unknown/Other
21. Hair Color *(Select only one box)*
☐ Bald (No hair) ☐ Black ☐ Blond
☐ Brown ☐ Gray ☐ Red
☐ Sandy ☐ White ☐ Unknown/Other

U.S. Entry Information

22. Date of last entry into the United States
(mm/dd/yyyy) ▶
23. Immigration status when you last entered the United States
(e.g., visitor, student, entered without inspection (EWI))
- Place of last entry into the United States
- 24.a. U.S. Port of Entry *(if any)*
- 24.b. City or Town
- 24.c. State

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Part 3. Information About Your Spouse and Children *(continued)*

Other Information About Spouse

5. Your Spouse's Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
6. Date of Present Marriage *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
7. Place of Present Marriage

Children *(if any)*

Provide the following information about each of your children *(if any)*.

Child 1

- 8.a. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶
- 8.b. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-
- 8.c. Family Name *(Last Name)*
- 8.d. Given Name *(First Name)*
- 8.e. Middle Name
- 8.f. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
- 8.g. Street Number and Name
- 8.h. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐
- 8.i. City or Town
- 8.j. State 8.k. ZIP Code
- 8.l. Province *(if any)*
- 8.m. Postal Code *(if any)*
- 8.n. Country *(if any)*

Child 2

- 9.a. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶
- 9.b. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-
- 9.c. Family Name *(Last Name)*
- 9.d. Given Name *(First Name)*
- 9.e. Middle Name
- 9.f. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶
- 9.g. Street Number and Name
- 9.h. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐
- 9.i. City or Town
- 9.j. State 9.k. ZIP Code
- 9.l. Province *(if any)*
- 9.m. Postal Code *(if any)*
- 9.n. Country *(if any)*

Child 3

- 10.a. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶
- 10.b. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-
- 10.c. Family Name *(Last Name)*
- 10.d. Given Name *(First Name)*
- 10.e. Middle Name
- 10.f. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶

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Part 3. Information About Your Spouse and Children *(continued)*

Child 3 *(continued)*

10.g. Street Number and Name

10.h. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐

10.i. City or Town

10.j. State **10.k.** ZIP Code

10.l. Province *(if any)*

10.m. Postal Code *(if any)*

10.n. Country *(if any)*

Child 4

11.a. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶

11.b. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-

11.c. Family Name *(Last Name)*

11.d. Given Name *(First Name)*

11.e. Middle Name

11.f. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶

11.g. Street Number and Name

11.h. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐

11.i. City or Town

11.j. State **11.k.** ZIP Code

11.l. Province *(if any)*

11.m. Postal Code *(if any)*

11.n. Country *(if any)*

Child 5

12.a. USCIS ELIS Account Number *(if any)*
▶

12.b. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) *(if any)*
▶ A-

12.c. Family Name *(Last Name)*

12.d. Given Name *(First Name)*

12.e. Middle Name

12.f. Date of Birth *(mm/dd/yyyy)* ▶

12.g. Street Number and Name

12.h. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐

12.i. City or Town

12.j. State **12.k.** ZIP Code

12.l. Province *(if any)*

12.m. Postal Code *(if any)*

12.n. Country *(if any)*

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Part 4. Eligibility Standards

Provide the following information:

- 1.a.** I am a national of (or an alien having no nationality who last habitually resided in the country of):

- 1.b.** I entered the United States on the following date, and have resided in the United States since that time.

(mm/dd/yyyy) ►

- 1.c.** Have you **EVER** resided in any country(s) other than the one listed in **Item Number 1.a.**? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 1.c.**, and you resided in more than one country prior to entering the United States, provide information about the last country in which you resided in the spaces below. For any additional countries, attach a separate sheet(s) of paper. Write your full name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers (e.g., **Page 6, Part 4., Item Number 1.d.**); and date and sign each sheet.

- 1.d.** Name of another country in which you resided (if any)

- 1.e.** Dates that you resided in the other country

From: (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

To: (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

- 1.f.** Your immigration status in the other country (e.g., *citizen, permanent resident, refugee, asylee, visitor, temporary resident*)

To be eligible for TPS, you must be admissible as an immigrant to the United States, with certain exceptions.

If any of the questions beginning below and continuing through the end of **Part 4.** apply to you, describe the circumstances and include a full explanation on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Write your full name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number**, **Part Number**, and **Item Number** to which your answer refers, (e.g., **Page 6, Part 4., Item Number 2.b.**); and date and sign each sheet.

If you were **EVER** arrested, provide the disposition (*outcome*) for all arrests. (For example, "case dismissed" from the appropriate authority.) For information about waivers concerning the grounds of inadmissibility, see the **NOTE** at the end of **Part 4.**

Have you **EVER** been convicted of:

- 2.a.** Any felony committed in the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 2.b.** Any misdemeanor(s) committed in the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 2.c.** Any particularly serious crime committed either in or outside the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 3.a.** Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in the persecution of any person on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 3.b.** Have you **EVER** committed serious nonpolitical crimes outside of the United States prior to your arrival in the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 3.c.** Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in activities that could be reasonable grounds for concluding that you are a danger to the security of the United States?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you **EVER** been convicted of or have you **EVER** committed acts which constitute the essential elements of:

- 4.a.** A crime (other than a purely political offense)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 4.b.** A violation of any law relating to a controlled substance as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 4.c.** A conspiracy to violate any law relating to a controlled substance as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- 5.a.** Have you **EVER** been convicted of two or more criminal offenses (other than purely political offenses) for which you received sentences to confinement that, when combined, total 5 years or more?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Part 4. Eligibility Standards *(continued)*

5.b. Have you **EVER** trafficked in or are you **NOW** trafficking in any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.c. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** knowingly assisted, abetted, conspired, or colluded with others in the unlawful trafficking of any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.d. Are you the spouse or child of an alien who unlawfully trafficked in any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.e. Are you the spouse or child of an alien who assisted, abetted, conspired, or colluded with others in the unlawful trafficking of any controlled substance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5.f. Within the previous 5 years, have you **EVER** obtained any financial or other benefit from the unlawful activity of your spouse (*including former spouses*) or parents, and you knew, or reasonably should have known, that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you **EVER** engaged, or do you plan to engage, solely, principally, or incidentally, in any of the following:

6.a. Any activity to violate any law of the United States relating to espionage or sabotage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.b. Any activity to violate or evade any law prohibiting the export from the United States of goods, technology, or sensitive information? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.c. Any other unlawful activity in the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6.d. Any activity in which a purpose is the opposition to, or the control or overthrow of, the Government of the United States by force, violence, or other unlawful means, including but not limited to, participating in such activities, giving support to others involved in such activities, or being a member or representative of a terrorist organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.a. Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in terrorist activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.b. Have you **EVER** or are you **NOW** engaged in or plan to engage in activities in the United States that would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.c. Have you **EVER** been or are you **NOW** a member of the Communist or other totalitarian party, except when membership was involuntary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7.d. Have you **EVER** participated in Nazi persecution or genocide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8.a. Have you **EVER** been arrested, cited, charged, indicted, fined, or imprisoned for breaking or violating any law or ordinance, excluding minor traffic violations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8.b. Have you **EVER** been the beneficiary of a pardon, amnesty, rehabilitation decree, other act of clemency, or similar action? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Have you **EVER** committed a serious criminal offense in the United States and asserted immunity from prosecution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.a. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years, or are you **NOW** engaged in prostitution or procurement of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.b. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years (*either directly or indirectly*) procured or attempted to procure or import, prostitutes or persons for the purpose of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

10.c. Have you **EVER**, within the past 10 years, received, in whole or in part, the proceeds of prostitution? ☐ Yes ☐ No

11. Have you **EVER** been or do you intend to be involved in any other commercial vice? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12.a. Have you **EVER** been ordered removed, *and* been deported from the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Part 4. Eligibility Standards (continued)

12.b. Have you **EVER** voluntarily departed the United States under an order of removal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12.c. If you answered "Yes" to either **Item Number 12.a.** or **12.b.** above, have you re-entered the United States unlawfully at any time after you were deported or you voluntarily departed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12.d. If you answered "Yes" to **Item Number 12.c.** above, has your prior order of removal been reinstated by DHS? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Do not know

12.e. Have you **EVER** failed to attend or remain in attendance at any immigration proceedings to determine your admissibility or deportability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

12.f. Have you **EVER**, by fraud or willfully misrepresenting a material fact, sought to obtain a visa or other documentation, admission to the United States, or any other immigration benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Have you **EVER** assisted any other person to enter the United States in violation of the law? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14.a. Do you **NOW** have a communicable disease of public health significance? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14.b. Do you **NOW** have or have you **EVER** had a physical or mental disorder and behavior (*or a history of behavior that is likely to recur*) associated with the disorder which has posed or may pose a threat to the property, safety, or welfare of yourself or others? ☐ Yes ☐ No

14.c. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** been a drug abuser or drug addict? ☐ Yes ☐ No

15. Have you **EVER** entered the United States as a stowaway? ☐ Yes ☐ No

16. Did the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) **EVER** impose, or has DHS **EVER** imposed, civil monetary penalties on you for producing or using false documentation to obtain an immigration benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Are you **NOW** subject to a final order of violation of section 274C (*producing and/or using false documentation to unlawfully satisfy a requirement of the Immigration and Nationality Act*)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Do you **NOW** practice polygamy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

19. Are you **NOW** the guardian of, and are you accompanying, another alien who has been found to be inadmissible *and* who has been certified by a medical examiner to be helpless due to sickness, physical or mental disability, or infancy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

20. Have you **EVER** detained, retained, or withheld the custody of a child having a lawful claim to U.S. citizenship, outside the United States, from a U.S. citizen granted custody? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you **EVER** ordered, incited, called for, committed, assisted, helped with, or otherwise participated in any of the following:

21.a. Acts involving torture or genocide? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21.b. Killing any person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21.c. Intentionally and severely injuring any person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21.d. Engaging in any kind of sexual contact or relations with any person who was being forced or threatened? ☐ Yes ☐ No

21.e. Limiting or denying any person's ability to exercise religious beliefs? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you **EVER**:

22.a. Served in, been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any military unit, paramilitary unit, police unit, self-defense unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, militia, or insurgent organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22.b. Served or worked in any prison, jail, prison camp, detention facility, labor camp, or any other situation that involved detaining persons? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Part 4. Eligibility Standards *(continued)*

23. Have you **EVER** been a member of, assisted in, or participated in any group, unit, or organization of any kind in which you or other persons used any type of weapon against any person or threatened to do so?
☐ Yes ☐ No
24. Have you **EVER** assisted with or participated in selling or providing weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person, or in transporting weapons to any person who to your knowledge used them against another person?
☐ Yes ☐ No
25. Have you **EVER** received any type of military, paramilitary, or weapons training?
☐ Yes ☐ No
26. Have you **EVER** unlawfully voted in a United States Federal, state, or local election?
☐ Yes ☐ No
27. Have you **EVER** claimed to be a United States citizen (*in writing or in any other way*)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 28.a. Have you **EVER** recruited, enlisted, conscripted, or used any person under age 15 to serve in or help an armed force or group?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 28.b. Have you **EVER** used any person under age 15 to take part in hostilities or to help or provide services to people in combat?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 29.a. Have you **EVER** committed or conspired to commit human trafficking offenses, as defined in the section 103 of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, in the United States or outside the United States?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 29.b. Have you **EVER** knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded with a human trafficker?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 29.c. Are you **NOW** the spouse or child of an alien who committed or conspired to commit human trafficking offenses?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 29.d. Are you **NOW** the spouse or child of, or are you yourself, an alien who knowingly aided, abetted, assisted, conspired, or colluded with a human trafficker?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 29.e. Within the previous 5 years, have you **EVER** obtained any financial or other benefit from the human trafficking activity of your spouse (*including former spouses*) or parents, and knew, or reasonably should have known, that the financial or other benefit was the product of such illicit activity?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.a. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** engaged in money laundering as described in section 1956 or 1957 of Title 18, United States Code?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 30.b. Are you **NOW** or have you **EVER** been a knowing aider, abettor, assister, conspirator, or colluder with others in money laundering?
☐ Yes ☐ No
31. Have you **EVER** been responsible for or directly carried out particularly severe violations of religious freedom, as defined in section 3 of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. section 6402) while serving as a foreign government official?
☐ Yes ☐ No
32. Has an immigration judge or the Board of Immigration Appeals **EVER** determined that you filed a frivolous asylum application in the past?
☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTE ABOUT WAIVERS: A TPS applicant must be admissible under the applicable grounds in section 212 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). USCIS may grant a discretionary waiver for some, but not all, of the applicable inadmissibility grounds based on humanitarian, family unity, or public interest reasons.

If you answered “Yes” to certain **Item Numbers** in **Part 4.**, you may be eligible for a waiver of some of the grounds of inadmissibility. Please see the **General Requirements** section of Form I-821 instructions for further information.

Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility, is the application used to request a waiver. *Please read the special instructions related to TPS applicants on Form I-601.* The form is available at local USCIS offices, on our Web site at www.uscis.gov/I-601, or by calling the USCIS toll-free forms line at **1-800-870-3676**. For TDD (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

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Part 5. Statement, Certification, Signature, and Contact Information of the Applicant

NOTE: Select the box for either **Item Number 1.a.** or **1.b.**
If applicable, select the box for **Item Number 2.**

- 1.a. ☐ I can read and understand English, and have read and understand each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as my answer to each question.
- 1.b. ☐ The interpreter named below has read to me each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as my answer to each question, in
,
a language in which I am fluent. I understand each and every question and instruction on this form as translated to me by my interpreter, and have provided true and correct responses in the language indicated above.
2. ☐ I have requested the services of and consented to

who is ☐ is not ☐ an attorney or accredited representative, preparing this form for me.

Applicant Certification

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct. Copies of documents submitted are exact photocopies of unaltered original documents, and I understand that I may be required to submit original documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) at a later date. Furthermore, I authorize the release of any information from my records that USCIS may need to determine my eligibility for the benefit that I seek.

I furthermore authorize release of information contained in this form, supporting documents, and my USCIS records to other entities and persons where necessary for the administration of U.S. immigration laws.

- 3.a. Applicant's Signature
- 3.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ►
4. Applicant's Daytime Telephone Number
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5. Applicant's Mobile Telephone Number
() -

6. Applicant's E-mail Address

Part 6. Contact Information, Certification, and Signature of the Interpreter

Interpreter's Full Name

Provide the following information concerning the interpreter:

- 1.a. Interpreter's Family Name (*Last Name*)
- 1.b. Interpreter's Given Name (*First Name*)
2. Interpreter's Business or Organization Name (*if any*)

Interpreter's Mailing Address

- 3.a. Street Number and Name
- 3.b. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐
- 3.c. City or Town
- 3.d. State 3.e. ZIP Code
- 3.f. Province (*if any*)
- 3.g. Postal Code (*if any*)
- 3.h. Country (*if any*)

Interpreter's Contact Information

4. Interpreter's Daytime Telephone Number
() -
5. Interpreter's E-mail Address

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Interpreter Certification

I certify that:

I am fluent in English and which is the same language provided in **Part 5., Item Number 1.b.**;

I have read to this applicant each and every question and instruction on this form, as well as the answer to each question, in the language provided in **Part 5., Item Number 1.b.**; and

The applicant has informed me that he or she understands each and every instruction and question on the form, as well as the answer to each question.

6.a. Interpreter's Signature

6.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

Part 7. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Application, If Other than the Applicant

Preparer's Full Name

Provide the following information concerning the preparer:

1.a. Preparer's Family Name (Last Name)

1.b. Preparer's Given Name (First Name)

2. Preparer's Business or Organization Name

Preparer's Mailing Address

3.a. Street Number and Name

3.b. Apt. ☐ Ste. ☐ Flr. ☐

3.c. City or Town

3.d. State

3.e. ZIP Code

3.f. Province (if any)

3.g. Postal Code (if any)

3.h. Country (if any)

Preparer's Contact Information

4. Preparer's Daytime Telephone Number

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5. Preparer's Fax Number

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6. Preparer's E-mail Address

7.a. ☐ I am not an attorney or accredited representative but have prepared this form on behalf of the applicant and with the applicant's consent.

7.b. ☐ I am an attorney or accredited representative and my representation of the applicant in this case (choose one) extends ☐ does not extend ☐ beyond the preparation of this form.

Preparer's Declaration

By my signature, I certify, swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I prepared this form on behalf of, at the request of, and with the express consent of the applicant. I completed the form based only on responses the applicant provided to me. After completing the form, I reviewed it and all of the applicant's responses with the applicant, who agreed with each and every answer provided for each question on the form and, when required, supplied additional information to respond to a question on the form.

8.a. Preparer's Signature

8.b. Date of Signature (mm/dd/yyyy) ►

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