

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

# Court Ordered Reimplementation of the Migrant Protection Protocols

#### En español

UPDATE 08/08/2022: On August 8, the Northern District of Texas lifted the injunction that required DHS to reimplement the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) in good faith. Individuals are no longer being newly enrolled in MPP, and individuals currently in MPP in Mexico will be disenrolled when they return for their next scheduled court date. Individuals disenrolled from MPP will continue their removal proceedings in the United States. MPP enrollees should follow the directions on their court documents and tear sheets to appear for their scheduled court date as required.

The Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) is a U.S. Government program, initiated in January 2019 pursuant to Section 235(b)(2)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Under MPP, the United States returns to Mexico certain citizens and nationals of countries other than Mexico while their U.S. removal proceedings are pending. MPP applies to those who arrive from Mexico by land.

On June 1, 2021, the Secretary of Homeland Security determined that the Migrant Protection Protocols should be terminated and issued a memorandum to that effect. On August 13, 2021, however, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas determined in *Texas v. Biden* that the June 1, 2021, memo was not issued in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act and INA and ordered the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to "enforce and implement MPP in good faith." See *Texas v. Biden*, No. 2:21-cv-067, 2021 WL 3603341 (N.D. Tex. Aug. 13, 2021).

On October 29, 2021, after an extensive and comprehensive review, the Secretary of Homeland Security issued <u>a new memorandum terminating MPP</u> (/publication/migrant-protection-protocols-termination-memo), which DHS will implement as soon as practicable after issuance of a final judicial decision to vacate the *Texas* injunction. Until that time, the Department will continue to comply with the *Texas* injunction requiring good-faith implementation and enforcement of MPP.

This website provides information, resources, and answers to common questions about the MPP process. The information is intended for all audiences, including lawyers, individuals enrolled in MPP, and members of the public. The sections titled "For Noncitizens in MPP: Information and Reminders" and "Additional Resources" will be particularly helpful for individuals enrolled in MPP.

# Information and Reminders for Individuals in MPP

Learn more about key topics relevant to your MPP process.

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