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Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand

Under section 133(2) of the Immigration Act 2009

In confidence

- Read carefully the front page and the attached explanatory notes (pages 25–28) before you complete this form.
- Type or write in ink.
- This form must be completed in English.
- Supply TWO passport-sized photographs of yourself.
- You must answer ALL questions even if you intend to submit a written statement.
- If you require more space to answer questions, attach additional sheets of paper, signed and dated, with reference to the question it relates to.

Recognition as a refugee in New Zealand

New Zealand is a signatory to the United Nations 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (“Refugee Convention”), and the United Nations 1967 Protocol to that Convention.

A refugee is defined by the Refugee Convention, as amended by the 1967 Protocol, as a person who

- “owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or
- who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it”.

To be recognised as a refugee in New Zealand you need to demonstrate that the Refugee Convention definition of a refugee applies to you.

If you believe that this definition applies to you, you may claim refugee status.

Recognition as a protected person in New Zealand

New Zealand is a signatory to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (“CAT”) and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (“ICCPR”).

To be recognised as a protected person in New Zealand you must demonstrate substantial grounds for believing you would be in danger of being subjected to:

- torture; or
- arbitrary deprivation of life; or
- cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment,

if deported from New Zealand.

Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007

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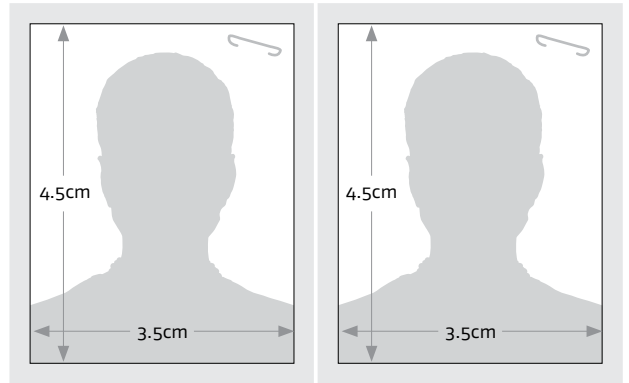
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Section A Claimant's personal details

A1 Family name

A2 Given name(s)

A3 Preferred title Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr
 Other (specify)



Please attach photographs here. Print name on back of photographs.

A4 Other names you are known by (include previous family name(s) if different from **A1** and any aliases used)

A5 Any other ways of spelling name (include full name in ethnic script if applicable)

A6 Gender Male Female **A6** Date of birth **A7** Age

A7 Place of birth (city, town or village, state or province, country)

A8 Citizenship at birth

A9 Country of present citizenship (if different)

A10 Other countries of citizenship

A11 If you have no country of citizenship, your country of former habitual residence

A12 To which countries do you fear returning?

A13 What is your race, ethnic/linguistic group, nationality and religion?
 Race
 Ethnic/linguistic group
 Nationality
 Religion

A14 What language(s) do you speak, read and write? Tick the appropriate box(es). List in order of preference/fluency, starting with your most preferred/fluent language.

Language/dialect	Speak	Read	Write
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i All interviews are conducted in English. If English is not your first spoken language, an independent interpreter will be provided.

A15 If you are interviewed, which language would you prefer to be interviewed in? If you speak more than one language, list in order of preference.

A16 Do you suffer from any ongoing health problems (physical or mental)?

Yes *List your health problems below.*

No

Section B Contact details

B1 Address and telephone number where you are staying in New Zealand. You must give the full address. Post office box numbers are not acceptable. You must notify Immigration New Zealand immediately of any changes in this address.

Address _____

Telephone (daytime) _____ Telephone (evening) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

B2 Name and address for communication about this claim

Same as address at **B1**

Other *Provide details*

Company name (if applicable) and address

New Zealand Business Number _____

For help search: www.nzbn.govt.nz

Telephone (daytime) _____ Telephone (evening) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

B3 Do you authorise the person stated at **B2** to act on your behalf?

Yes No Not applicable

B4 Have you received immigration advice on this claim?

Yes *Make sure that your immigration adviser completes Section L: Immigration adviser's details.*

No

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Section C Family details

C1 Present relationship status (you may tick more than one)

- Never married/in civil union
 Married
 Partner
 Same-sex partner
 Separated
 Divorced
 Widowed
 Civil union
 Engaged

C2 Provide the following details about your **present partner(s)**, including same-sex partner(s)*

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Other names they are known by	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Birth country and citizenship(s)	Country of residence (and current location if different)	Relationship	Dates relationship began (DD/MM/YY)
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C3 Provide the following details about your **past partner(s)**, including same-sex partner(s)*

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Other names they are known by	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Birth country and citizenship(s)	Country of residence (and current location if different). If deceased please give date.	Relationship	Dates relationship began and ended (DD/MM/YY)
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* Please attach extra sheets of paper if necessary. Sign and date each additional page.

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C4 Provide the following details about your parents, including adoptive, step-parents, and any guardian(s)

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Other names they are known by	Relationship (for example, mother, stepfather)	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY) (if unknown, give approximate age)	Birth country and citizenship(s)	Country of residence and current location if different. If deceased, please give date.	Partnership status*
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C5 Provide the following details about your brothers and sisters, including adoptive, step-siblings, and half-siblings

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Other names they are known by	Relationship (for example, brother, stepsister)	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY) (if unknown, give approximate age)	Birth country and citizenship(s)	Country of residence and current location if different. If deceased, please give date.	Partnership status*	Are they financially dependent on you? Y/N
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* See for categories of partnership.

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C6 Provide the following details about your **children**, including adopted and step-children

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Other names they are known by	Relationship (for example, daughter, adopted son)	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY) (if unknown, give approximate age)	Birth country and citizenship(s) and current location if different. If deceased please give date.	Partnership status*	Are they financially dependent on you? Y/N
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* See C1 for categories of partnership.

C7 Have any of your relatives ever claimed asylum?

- In New Zealand? Yes Provide details below. No Don't know.
- In any other country or countries? Yes Provide details below. No Don't know.

Family name(s)	Given name(s)	Relationship	Date claim lodged (DD/MM/YY)	Country asylum claimed in	Result (accepted, rejected, undecided)
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Section D Background details

Education and skills

D1 State the number of years of formal education/training you have had

D2 List all schools and educational institutions you have attended.

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Name of school or institution	Location	Level or qualification attained
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Work history

D3 List all periods of employment, including self-employment

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Name of employer	Location	Type of work, occupation and job title
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Military service

D4 Have you undertaken military service in any country?

No

Yes *Provide information about your military service including the dates of your military service, your position and rank, the unit or units that you served in, and your role within each unit. Also note the location(s) in which you served, and the dates you were in each location.*

List any military identity numbers you were given.

D5 Are you presently subject to military service obligations in any country?

Yes *Do you object to performing military service in any country?* Yes *Provide details* No *Go to **D6***

No *If you are a citizen of a country in which compulsory military service exists, state below why you are exempt from military service.*

D6 Have you deserted or evaded conscription to military service in any country?

Yes *Briefly describe the situation below. Include why, when, and where this happened, and describe the consequences.*

No

Police record

D7 Are or were you wanted or under investigation by the police, military or any other authorities in any country, including New Zealand?

Yes No

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D8 Have you ever committed a crime or offence in any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

D9 Have you ever been arrested by the police or military or any other authorities in any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

D10 Have you ever been detained by the police or military or any other authorities in any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

D11 Have you ever been charged with any offences against the law in any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

D12 Have you ever been convicted or found guilty of any offence(s) against the law in any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

D13 Have you ever been sentenced to serve a period of time in prison or other form of detention, including New Zealand? Yes No

D14 Have you ever been placed on probation, including New Zealand? Yes No

D15 If you answered yes to any of questions **D7** to **D14**, please explain every incident briefly, in chronological order, providing dates if possible

D16 Have you ever been involved in the illicit drug trade? Yes No

D17 Have you ever been involved in people-smuggling or people-trafficking? Yes No

D18 Have you ever been a member of, or associated with, any person, organisation or group with criminal objectives or which has engaged in criminal activities or advocated such activities?
 Yes No

D19 Have you ever been involved with any intelligence or security group or agency? Yes No

D20 Have you ever been involved with any insurgent or paramilitary or group or organisation that has used or advocated violence or that has a military component?
 Yes No

D21 If you answered yes to any of questions **D16** to **D20**, please provide details below, including dates if possible.

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Previous residence

D22 List the places and countries in which you resided for the last 10 years, beginning with your last residence and status in that country.

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Address, town or village and country	Status in country
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Section E Immigration history

E1 Had you ever travelled outside your home country **before** your current journey to New Zealand?

Yes *Provide details in the table below.*

No

From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Place and country	Purpose of travel
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E2 Have you ever been deported, removed from, or required to leave any country, including New Zealand?

Yes No

E3 Have you ever been refused entry to any country, including New Zealand? Yes No

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E4 Have you ever been prevented from boarding an international flight? Yes No

E5 Have you ever applied to migrate to New Zealand or any other country? Yes No

E6 Have you ever been refused a visa to transit, visit, work, study or reside in any country, including New Zealand?
 Yes No

E7 Have you ever overstayed your visa or otherwise been unlawfully present in any country, including New Zealand?
 Yes No

E8 If you answered yes to any of questions **E2** to **E7**, please explain briefly giving details of which country/countries, when and why.

Section F Travel documents and travel to New Zealand

F1 Did you apply for a passport or other travel document to leave your home country?
 Yes No. *Give the reasons you did not apply for a passport or other travel document to leave your home country.*

F2 Have you ever obtained a genuine or false passport or other travel document from the authorities of your home country or anybody else?

Yes *Provide details of passports or documents obtained below.*
 No

Document number	Issued by (country)	Date of issue (DD/MM/YY)	Date of expiry (DD/MM/YY)	Location of document	List if genuine or false
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F3 What did you do to obtain this passport(s) or other travel document(s)?

Travel to New Zealand

F4 Did you need an exit visa/permit to leave your home country?

Yes Go to **F5**

No Go to **F7**

F5 Did you apply for an exit visa/permit?

Yes Go to **F6**

No Go to **F7**

F6 Were you issued an exit visa/permit?

Yes Provide details

No Go to **F7**

Issued by (country)	Date of issue (DD/MM/YY)	Date of expiry (DD/MM/YY)	Location of document
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F7 Did you apply for a New Zealand visa to travel to New Zealand?

Yes No Give the reasons you did not apply for a visa. Go to **F9**

F8 Were you granted a New Zealand visa?

Yes Provide details

No Go to **F9**

Visa type	Issued by (branch)	Date of issue (DD/MM/YY)	Date of expiry (DD/MM/YY)
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F9 List any other documents, genuine or false, you used to travel from your home country to New Zealand.

Document type	Document number (if known)	Name in document	Issued by (country)	Location of document	List if genuine or false

F10 List all travel and/or identity documents that are in your possession, including those documents already referred to in questions **F2** to **F9**, (for example passports, birth certificates, education certificates, driver's licence, etc).

Important: attach a copy of each document that is in your possession to this form. Bring the original documents with you to your interview.

Document type	Document number (if known)	Where was the document issued? (Place and country)	Date of expiry (DD/MM/YY)	List if genuine or false
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F11 Did you depart your home country legally?

Yes No *Provide details*

F12 Did anyone help you to depart your home country?

Yes *Provide details* No

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F13 Did anyone help you to obtain the above passports or travel documents, or to otherwise travel illegally from your home country to New Zealand?

Yes *Provide details*

No

Name	Nationality	Type of help given (if known)	Payment	Did they travel with you?

F14 List the exact route of your journey to New Zealand, starting with the date of departure from your home country and ending with your arrival in New Zealand.

Location and country (home country first)	Method(s) of transport	Date of arrival (DD/MM/YY)	Date of departure (DD/MM/YY)	Immigration status
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F15 Place of arrival in New Zealand

F16 Date of arrival in New Zealand

F17 Airline and flight number or name of ship (if applicable)

F18 How did you enter New Zealand?

- Border asylum seeker
 Visitor
 Transit passenger
 Student
 Stowaway
 Ship deserter
 Other (give details)

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F19 Have you been to New Zealand before? Yes *Provide details* No

From (DD/MM/YY)	To (DD/MM/YY)	Purpose of visit
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F20 Did you know anyone in New Zealand before you arrived? Yes No

F21 Do you have any relatives in New Zealand? Yes No

F22 If you have answered yes to either **F20** or **F21**, provide details.

Name	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	Relationship to you
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Section G Previous refugee or protection claims

G1 Have you previously claimed refugee or protection status in New Zealand? Yes No

G2 Have you previously claimed refugee or protection status in any other country or countries? Yes No

G3 If you have answered yes to either **G1** or **G2**, provide details.

Date (DD/MM/YY)	Where and to whom	Result (accepted, rejected, undecided)
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G4 Have you been recognised as a refugee by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees?

Yes *Indicate the country in which this recognition was given*

No *Go to Section H: Your stay in New Zealand*

G5 Do you have a document confirming this recognition?

Yes *Provide details*

No

Date of issue (DD/MM/YY)	Document number (if known)	Where is this document now?
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Section H Your stay in New Zealand

H1 Are you registered with, or have you had any contact with, the Embassy, High Commission or Consulate or other representatives of your home country in, or accredited to, New Zealand?

Yes *Provide details* No

H2 Are you in contact with family members or others in your home country?

Yes *Provide details. Include the following: when you contacted them; and details of any information from them which you think is relevant to your claim. Attach any letters or documents from your relatives which you think are important. Originals or certified copies should be provided. Certified translations of these documents should be provided if they are not in English.*

No

H3 Have you returned to your home country since arriving in New Zealand?

Yes *Provide details* No

Date of entry

Date of departure

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Section J Declaration by claimant

The claimant must sign this section.

If you make any false statements or provide any false or misleading information

- your claim may be declined; and
- you may also commit an offence, and if convicted, you may be punished by a fine or imprisonment.

Subject to the confidentiality provisions of section 151 of the Immigration Act 2009, I authorise Immigration New Zealand to make any enquiries it deems necessary in respect of the information provided on this form and via biometric collection and to share this information with other New Zealand Government agencies and overseas government agencies in safe third countries.

I understand that if I have received immigration advice from an immigration adviser and if that immigration adviser is not licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007 when they should be, Immigration New Zealand will accept my claim as an individual but will not correspond with an unlicensed adviser on my claim.

I accept that any advice given to me by Immigration New Zealand before lodging this claim to refugee and protection status was intended to help me and that acting on that does not mean that I will be recognised as a refugee or protected person.

I understand I must notify Immigration New Zealand immediately of any changes in my address in New Zealand.

I understand the notes and questions in this form and I declare the information given is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of claimant _____ Date

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Signature of responsible adult if claimant is under 18 years of age

_____ Date

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To be completed where interpreter assistance is not required to translate the contents of these pages and all attached documents.

I declare that I am able to read English and that I fully understand the complete contents of these pages and all attached documents in English.

Signature of claimant _____ Date

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Signature of responsible adult if claimant is under 18 years of age

_____ Date

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Section K Declaration by interpreter

This section must be completed by the interpreter.

I (please print clearly) _____ hereby certify that I have translated the complete contents of these pages and all attached documents to the claimant from English to the _____ language/dialect. The claimant fully understood the contents of these pages and all attached documents as translated.

Signature of interpreter _____ Date

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Section L Immigration adviser's details

This section must be completed by the claimant's immigration adviser. If the claimant does not have an immigration adviser, this section does not have to be completed.

L1 Tick the one option that applies to you.

- I am a licensed immigration adviser under the New Zealand Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007. Go to **L2**
- I am exempt from licensing under the New Zealand Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007. Go to **L3**

If you are unlicensed when you should be licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, Immigration New Zealand will accept the claimant's claim, but will correspond directly with the claimant. It is an offence to provide immigration advice without holding a licence, unless you are exempt.

L2 Licensed advisers. Please provide your licence details.

Licence type full provisional limited. List conditions specified in the register.

Licence number

Go to Section M: Declaration by person assisting the claimant to complete this form.

L3 Exempt from licensing. Tick one box below to show why you are exempt from licensing.

- I provided immigration advice in an informal or family context only, and I did not provide the advice systematically or for a fee.
- I am a New Zealand member of Parliament or member of their staff and I provided immigration advice as part of my employment agreement.
- I am a foreign diplomat or consular staff.
- I am an employee of the New Zealand public service and I provided immigration advice within the scope of my employment agreement.
- I am a lawyer and I hold a current practising certificate as a barrister or as a barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.
- I am employed by, or I am working as a volunteer for, a New Zealand community law centre where at least one lawyer is on the employing body of the community law centre or is employed by or working as a volunteer for the community law centre in a supervisory capacity.
- I am employed by, or I am working as a volunteer for, a New Zealand citizens advice bureau.

Go to Section M: Declaration of person assisting the claimant to complete this form.

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Section M Declaration by person assisting the claimant to complete this form

This section must be completed and signed by any person who has assisted the claimant to complete this form by providing immigration advice, explaining or filling in the form for the claimant.

If you are unlicensed when you should be licensed under the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007, Immigration New Zealand will refuse to correspond directly with you and correspond directly with the claimant. It is an offence to provide immigration advice without holding a licence, unless you are exempt.

For more information, go to the Immigration Advisers Authority website www.iaa.govt.nz, or email info@iaa.govt.nz, or write to PO Box 6222, Wellesley St, Auckland 1141, New Zealand.

I have helped the claimant complete this form in the capacity of:

Representative Responsible adult INZ employee Other (give details)

Name _____

Address _____

New Zealand Business Number _____

For help search: www.nzbn.govt.nz

Telephone (daytime) _____ Telephone (mobile) _____

Fax _____ Email _____

I certify that I have completed this form and any additional sheets at the request of the claimant (or, in the case of a dependent child, the responsible adult), and that he/she has fully understood the contents of this form and the answers given, and approved them before signing the declaration above.

I understand that (unless I am a designated refugee and protection officer, or immigration officer), after the claimant has signed this form, it is an offence for me to change or add further information on it, alter any material attached to it, or attach any further material to it, unless the person making the alteration or addition states on the form what information or material has been altered or attached, why and by whom. I understand that the maximum penalty for this offence is a fine of up to NZ\$100,000 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to seven years.

I have provided immigration advice (as defined in the Immigration Advisers Licensing Act 2007), and my details in Section L: Immigration adviser's details are correct.

Yes No

Signature of person assisting _____ Date _____

Authority to act

To Refugee Status Branch
Immigration New Zealand

I, (full name) _____, date of birth _____

hereby authorise (full name of representative or firm)

to act on my behalf in all matters relating to my claim to refugee and protection status **AND** all other immigration matters (delete if inappropriate).

Signature of claimant _____ Date _____

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Explanatory notes

Please read these notes carefully. They contain important information about your rights.

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

You are entitled to ask for advice from the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at the following address:

Legal Officer
UNHCR Regional Office for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific
14 Kendall Lane
New Acton
ACT. 2601
Australia
Telephone +61 (0) 26281 9100 Fax +61 (0) 26247 2933
Website: www.unhcr.org.au

Legal assistance and immigration advice

You have the right to contact a lawyer or licensed immigration adviser to help you to claim refugee and protection status or to complete a *Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand (INZ 1071)* (this form) and to represent you in your claim to refugee and protection status. You may qualify for legal aid to help pay for the services of a lawyer.

Claiming refugee and protection status

A refugee and protection status claim is made as soon as a person indicates, either orally or in writing, to a representative of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment or to a member of the New Zealand Police that they wish to seek refugee and protection status in New Zealand.

There is no fee for claiming refugee and protection status.

After you have claimed refugee and protection status you must confirm your claim by completing a *Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand (INZ 1071)*.

How to confirm your claim to refugee and protection status

This form must be completed in English. Unless you have a good command of English, you should obtain the help of an interpreter or translator in completing this form. Your local branch of Immigration New Zealand (INZ) will be able to advise you about how to arrange this help if you do not have the help of a lawyer or other representative to arrange this for you.

You should try to answer all questions. If you do not know the answers to any of the questions, write "not known". If any questions do not apply to your situation, write "not applicable". Some questions ask you to give specific details of your situation. You should give these details and all other details which apply to your situation. You should sign and date every page of the form. If there is not enough space provided on the form, give your answers on a separate sheet of paper. Sign and date these sheets of paper and attach them to the form. Please try to answer all questions. It is not acceptable to write "refer statement".

You must also give a separate, full, written statement of your experiences and circumstances that have led you to claim refugee and protection status. Your statement should be written in your own words. You should sign and date each page of your written statement. You may attach other documents which you think are relevant to your claim to refugee and protection status. Originals should be provided. If you do not want to send in the original, you should attach certified copies. A copy of a document is certified when a lawyer, Justice of the Peace or other authorised person certifies that it is a true copy of the original document. Certified translations of these documents should be provided if the documents are not in English. A translation is certified when it is done by a recognised translator who certifies that they have correctly translated the document.

If any of your family members in New Zealand also consider they may qualify for refugee and protection status, they must complete and file a separate *Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand*.

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You must lodge your passport or other travel document that you used to travel to New Zealand, even if it is false. This will be returned to you unless it is false. You must also supply two (2) passport-sized photographs of yourself.

About the information you give in confirming your claim

Immigration New Zealand needs the information you give in confirming your refugee and protection status claim to assess your claim. The information you provide as part of your refugee and protection status claim is subject to strict confidentiality obligations, which are imposed under section 151 of the Immigration Act 2009. If you are concerned about the confidentiality of the information you provide as part of your refugee and protection status claim you should speak to your legal representative or immigration adviser about this.

Warning

In the *Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand* form you must complete a declaration where you declare that all the information you provide in the form and any accompanying material is true and correct. A person who makes a false statement in a declaration is guilty of an offence punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

How your claim to refugee and protection status will be considered

Your claim will be considered by the Refugee Status Branch (RSB) of INZ. Your claim may also be referred to the local representative of the UNHCR for comment.

RSB may ask you for further information about your claim. RSB may also interview you about your claim. You will have the opportunity to provide further information and to comment on potentially prejudicial information.

You will be notified in writing of the decision on your claim. You will have the opportunity to appeal a decision declining your claim subject to sections 194 to 198 and section 200 of the Immigration Act 2009.

Interview

It may be necessary for you to attend an interview for the purpose of determining your claim. If you are required to attend an interview, you or your representative will be notified by letter of the details of time and place.

If you cannot attend an interview, you must notify INZ immediately. If you fail to attend an interview without good reason the officer may proceed to determine your claim nonetheless.

If English is not your first language, INZ will provide an independent interpreter for the interview free of charge unless you request otherwise and your request is acceptable to the interviewing officer. You may be accompanied to the interview by a representative of your choice. Legal Aid can be applied for to pay the cost of a lawyer, if they are your representative. If you choose to use a representative who is not a lawyer, you will need to pay their costs.

After the interview, the officer assigned to your case may send you or your representative a report of the interview for comment before making a decision on your claim. You will be notified in writing of this decision.

Further information

INZ may request further information from you about your claim. That request will be made in writing and may be sent to you or given to you at an interview. If you do not provide the information in the time frame specified the officer may proceed to determine the claim.

You may continue to provide further information in support of your claim up to the time your claim is actually determined.

Prejudicial information

Any information which is or may be prejudicial to you or your claim and which is obtained by a refugee and protection officer and which the officer proposes to take into account in determining your claim will be disclosed to you unless the information was obtained from you or is publicly available or the disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the safety of any person (in which case you will be notified of the non-disclosure of the information). You will have a reasonable opportunity to comment on this information. If you do not comment on the information the officer may proceed to determine the claim nonetheless.

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Appeal of decisions

If a decision is made not to recognise you as a refugee or protected person you may appeal within 10 working days (or five working days if you are in detention at the time the decision is made) of the date of the decision to the Immigration and Protection Tribunal (IPT). The IPT will then determine your appeal.

The IPT's address is:	Immigration and Protection Tribunal DX EX 11086 AUCKLAND 1010	Immigration and Protection Tribunal Level 1, Chorus House 41 Federal Street Auckland City	Fax: (09) 9145263
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Temporary visas

If you hold a temporary visa (visitor, work or student), it is important to keep your visa valid while your claim to refugee and protection status is processed. You can do this by lodging an application for a temporary visa on the normal application form for your type of visa, together with your passport or certificate of identity and a passport-sized photograph, before the expiry of your existing visa. Refugee and protection status claimants are exempt from paying the normal application fees.

You may wish to lodge an application for a special work visa. The grant of such a work visa will be at the discretion of INZ, who will assess your application against your personal circumstances. If your application is successful, you will be granted an open work visa until your claim has been finally decided.

You may lodge your application for a visa, in person or by mail, at any branch of INZ.

Provided you keep your visa current, you will be granted further visas for the duration of your refugee and protection status claim, including any appeal to the IPT. This provision does not apply to subsequent claims.

Present immigration law makes it difficult to obtain a visa if you let your visa expire. Applicants who claim refugee and protection status after their visas have expired may not be given visas.

Permission to attend English language courses will usually be given by letter on request.

For more information

If you have questions:

- Contact the:
Refugee Status Branch
PO Box 90533,
Auckland Mail Centre,
AUCKLAND
Level 12, 280 Queen Street,
AUCKLAND
Ph (09) 928 2236
Fax (09) 914 5298
email: RSB@mbie.govt.nz
- See our website
www.immigration.govt.nz/contactus
- Telephone our call centre on
0508 558 855 (within New Zealand)

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If you change your address

If you change your home address or postal address you must inform the Refugee Status Branch immediately. This is because INZ may need to contact you at short notice (for example, to notify you of an interview).

If you fail to keep INZ informed of your current address, this may affect your entitlement to a further visa or result in the possible revocation of your current visa.

Checklist		
OFFICE USE ONLY	This is what you need to do to claim refugee and protection status in New Zealand.	CHECK LIST
<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain a <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand (INZ 1071)</i> form at your local branch of INZ.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you do not know the English language well, obtain interpreting or translating assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read very carefully, or have read to you in your own language, the notes on this form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete (write or type) the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form in English in ink. Writing in pencil is not acceptable.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign and date every page of the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign and date every page of any additional sheets of paper attached to the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form .	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attach originals, or certified copies, of any documents you wish to submit in support of the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form. If these are not in English they must be accompanied by a certified English translation. A copy of a document is certified when a lawyer, Justice of the Peace or other authorised person certifies that it is a true copy of the original document. A translation is certified when it is done by a recognised translator who certifies that they have correctly translated the document.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write (or type) a full statement of your experiences and circumstances that have led you to claim refugee and protection status. Sign and date each page of this statement.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sign 'Section J: Declaration of claimant' at the end of the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form .	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have used an interpreter, ensure that they complete and sign 'Section K: Declaration by interpreter'.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have an immigration adviser, ensure that they complete and sign 'Section L: Immigration adviser details'.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have had help from any person in completing the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form, ask that person to complete and sign 'Section M: Declaration by person assisting the claimant to complete this form' at the end of that form.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Detach these notes from the <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form. Keep the notes for your reference.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bring or send the completed <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form to the nearest branch of INZ.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Include your passport or other travel document, two passport-sized photographs and your statement when you lodge your <i>Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand</i> form .	<input type="checkbox"/>

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