



Home Office

Information on settlement application process for refugees resettled under the Vulnerable Persons and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Schemes

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If you are a refugee who has been resettled under the Vulnerable Persons or Vulnerable Children's Resettlement schemes, you will usually have been granted five years limited leave to remain in the UK.

After five years in the UK, you may be entitled to apply for settlement in the UK and if your application is successful, you will be granted indefinite leave to remain (ILR) in the UK. Once you have ILR, you may meet the requirements to apply to become a British citizen after a further 12 months.

The following family members can be included in the same application:

- Your spouse (husband or wife) and children (aged under 18) if they were resettled to the UK at the same time as you;
- Any family members granted leave to remain in the UK as your dependant under the family reunion route.

Any other family members will need to make their own application at the relevant time.

You should apply during the last month of your current permission to be in the UK. It is important that you apply for settlement before your leave to remain expires so that you do not end up in the UK without permission. Not applying for settlement and overstaying may negatively impact your ability to stay in the UK.

How do I apply?

Applications for settlement are made online at the following address:

<https://visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/set-p>

You can find more information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/settlement-refugee-or-humanitarian-protection>

How much does it cost?

There is no fee for applying for settlement as a refugee or person who has been given humanitarian protection

What if I need help?

If you need help accessing a computer to apply for settlement or access further information about the settlement process online, you can:

Call: Telephone: 03333 445 675 - Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Text: 'VISA' to 07537 416 944

Please note this information is only available in English

If you need legal advice or assistance with your application, you will need to speak to an Immigration Adviser. Some advisers offer free advice but others may charge a fee. You can find an Immigration Adviser using the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-an-immigration-adviser>

or telephone 0345 000 0046

The adviser that provides you with advice should be regulated by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner at Level 2 or Level 3.

Please speak to either the community sponsorship group that supported you or staff at your local authority if you are unable to secure the help of an Immigration Adviser as they may be able to help you find one.