



AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE-GENERAL  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Visa and Citizenship Section

## Resettling in Australia as a Refugee or Humanitarian Entrant

The primary responsibility for the protection of an individual lies with that individual's country of nationality. Where the country of nationality is not able or is unwilling to provide that protection, the system of international protection is activated. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the international organisation responsible for working with countries to provide international protection to refugees under the auspices of the United Nations (UN). For more information or to download forms see the website [www.immi.gov.au](http://www.immi.gov.au).

### Permanent humanitarian visa categories

- **Refugee category** for people who are subject to persecution in their home country and who are in need of resettlement. The majority of applicants who are considered under this category are identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and referred by UNHCR to Australia. The Refugee visa category includes Refugee, In-country Special Humanitarian, Emergency Rescue and Woman at Risk sub-categories.
- **Special Humanitarian Program (SHP)** for people outside their home country who are subject to substantial discrimination amounting to gross violation of human rights in their home country. A proposer (known as sponsor under the Migration Program) who is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or eligible New Zealand citizen, or an organisation that is based in Australia, must support applications for entry under the SHP.

### Applying for resettlement in Australia

An application for entry under the refugee and humanitarian visa class must be made on a **Form 842, Application for an offshore humanitarian visa**.

In addition, applications from people who wish to be considered under either the split family or the Special Humanitarian Program provisions of this visa class must be accompanied by a **Form 681, Refugee and special humanitarian proposal**, that has been completed by a proposer.

To download forms: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms>

The following refugee and humanitarian visa applications must be lodged at the nearest Australian mission overseas:

1. applications that are not accompanied by a proposal form and made by people in any country in Africa or the Middle East; or

2. applications made by people outside these countries, whether the application is accompanied by a proposal form or not.

Those who wish to be considered under the Refugee category may also apply through the nearest office of UNHCR.

Refugee and Humanitarian visa applications that are accompanied by a proposal form and made by persons from any country in Africa or the Middle East must be lodged at a designated DIAC office in Australia.

Advice for **Humanitarian** Program Applicants (and Proposers) present in Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

If your application...

- ❖ is for a Refugee and Humanitarian visa; AND
- ❖ includes a Proposer Form (form 681); AND
- ❖ is from an applicant who is resident in the Middle East

send your application by mail or courier to the DIAC office in Melbourne:

#### By Post

DIAC - Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre  
GPO Box 241  
Melbourne VIC 3001  
AUSTRALIA

#### OR By Courier (NO HAND DELIVERIES)

DIAC - Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre  
2 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
AUSTRALIA

For further information on Refugee and Humanitarian applications, please email the DIAC Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre ([victoria.ohpc@immi.gov.au](mailto:victoria.ohpc@immi.gov.au)), or see <http://www.immi.gov.au>