

Legal Assistance at Fast Track clinics

This information sheet is about the **free legal help** Refugee Legal can give you at our Fast Track clinics:

- if you applied for protection under the **Fast Track Assessment** process before 1 October 2017 and
- you need further legal help with your case (it is essential that you get legal help with your case while it is being assessed by the Department of Immigration).

Refugee Legal can give you free legal help at our clinics at two stages while the Department is assessing your visa application:

1. when the Department asks you to attend an interview, we will:
 - a. advise you on the interview process; and
 - b. prepare a further statement with you, if you need one, and a country information submission in support of your protection claims;
2. if your application is refused by the Department and referred to the Immigration Assessment Authority (the IAA), we will:
 - a. advise you about the IAA process; and
 - b. prepare a statement and legal submission from you to the IAA.

If the Department sends you a letter asking you to attend an interview, you need to contact us immediately after you receive your letter from the Department so we can arrange an appointment to help you before your interview.

If the Department sends you a letter refusing your application, you need to contact us immediately as you only have 21 days to provide information to the IAA.

On-site or telephone interpreters are available at our clinics. Please tell us when you first contact us if you need an interpreter.

For help at one of our clinics, contact us by telephone at (03) 9413 0101 or by email at clinic@refugeelegal.org.au

Important

If you arrived in Australia by boat between 12 August 2012 and 1 January 2014 and have not yet lodged an application for a visa, please contact Refugee Legal **immediately** for advice and help.

Refugee Legal is a non-profit community legal centre. We specialise in refugee and immigration law, policy and practice. Refugee Legal has been at the forefront of providing legal assistance to asylum seekers and refugees for 29 years. For further information about the Fast Track process go to: www.refugeelegal.org.au

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