

### REFUGEE LEGAL TEMPORARY PROTECTION VISA (TPV) CLINICS

This information sheet explains how to get legal assistance at Refugee Legal's special TPV Clinic service for people applying for a temporary protection visa under the Federal government's new Fast Track Assessment process.

**It is essential that you get legal assistance when applying for a protection visa under this process.**

**The TPV Clinics are run by Refugee Legal**, a non-profit community legal centre specialising 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 over 26 years.

**The purpose of the Refugee Legal TPV Clinics** is to provide free, full protection visa application assistance to people applying for a TPV under the Fast Track Assessment process. For further information about the Fast Track Assessment process and Temporary Protection visas see Refugee Legal's fact sheets *FTA-IAA* and *Temporary Protection Visas* at [www.rilc.org.au](http://www.rilc.org.au).

**The Refugee Legal TPV Clinics are for people** seeking protection in Australia who arrived by boat without a visa between 13 August 2012 and 1 January 2014.

**The Refugee Legal TPV Clinics provide legal assistance** to fully prepare protection visa applications under the Fast Track Assessment process. This legal assistance includes completion of:

- all forms required by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection; **and**
- a detailed statement explaining why the person fears returning to their home country.

**Legal assistance at the Refugee Legal TPV Clinics is provided** by trained and experienced registered migration agents under the supervision of Refugee Legal lawyers.

**To get legal assistance at a Refugee Legal TPV Clinic, there are 3 steps to follow:**

#### Step 1

- **Call Refugee Legal** on (03) 9413 0101 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm to register a request for legal assistance. A Refugee Legal lawyer will call back to arrange a pre-Clinic appointment and explain what information should be brought to that appointment. Please tell us if an interpreter is needed.

#### Step 2

- **Attend the Refugee Legal pre-Clinic appointment**, which is usually on a week night. At this appointment, you will be able to provide information about your personal circumstances and protection claims. You will be given further details about the Refugee Legal TPV Clinic, including the information you should bring to your Clinic appointment.

#### Step 3

- **Attend the Refugee Legal TPV Clinic**. After the pre-Clinic appointment (Step 2 above), Refugee Legal will send you a letter setting out the date, time and place of the TPV Clinic appointment and listing the information you need to bring to the Clinic appointment.

**All legal assistance provided by Refugee Legal is free.**

**On-site or telephone interpreters will be available** for any person who needs interpreting assistance. Please tell us when making the initial appointment if an interpreter is required.

**The TPV Clinics will generally operate on specified weekend dates** between 9am and 5pm (see Step 3 above). The TPV Clinics will generally be held at Refugee Legal's offices. The address and contact details are as below:

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