

# Refugee Legal:

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Refugee and Humanitarian (Class XB) visa applications for Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (subclass 449) visa holders from Afghanistan.

This information sheet provides information about Refugee and Humanitarian (Class XB) visas for people evacuated from Afghanistan who hold a subclass 449 visas.

#### What are Refugee and Humanitarian (Class XB) visas?

These visas allow you to live permanently in Australia.

There is no application fee for this type of visa.

You will be allowed to work, access Medicare and study on these visas. If you get one of these visas you may also be able to receive financial support through the humanitarian settlement program (HSP).

You can get more information about the HSP at the following link <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/settling-in-australia/humanitarian-settlement-program/about-the-program>

If you are granted one of these visas you may be able to sponsor certain family members from overseas if those family members meet the particular visa requirements.

#### What criteria do I need to do to satisfy to be granted a Class XB visa?

To be eligible for the grant of an XB visa, you need to show you are at risk of persecution in Afghanistan.

You will also need to be able to satisfy identity, health and character requirements.

#### Can my family in Australia apply with me?

Members of the same family unit, as defined in Australia's migration law, can be included in the same application. They include spouses or de facto partners, dependent children, dependent children of dependent children and unmarried, dependent relatives who usually live in the same household.

We are able to tell you if your family members can be included in the same application.

#### How to get legal help

**Refugee Legal** can provide **free legal assistance**. Contact the **Afghanistan Legal Hotline** - Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm on **(03) 9413 0166**.

For further information and resources visit [www.refugeelegal.org.au](http://www.refugeelegal.org.au).

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