



WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM

Congratulations! Now that you have been granted asylum, here are a few things that you should do as soon as possible.

1. Apply for a Social Security Number

Visit your local social security office to apply for unrestricted social security card proves that you are now legally able to work in the U.S. Bring one of the following documents as a proof of your status: an I-94 with a stamp showing you have been granted asylum; an original order of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Judge) granting asylum; a decision from the Asylum Office; or an original order from the Board of Immigration Appeals granting asylum (I-94).

Find your local office here: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp>

2. Get a California State ID Card

You can apply for your California State ID card at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) near your home. Be sure to bring a valid combination of proof of identity for name and date of birth. There is a \$26 fee. You can find your local DMV here:

http://apps.dmv.ca.gov/fo/offices/toc_fo.htm

3. Visit a Refugee Resettlement Program within 31 Days of your Asylum Grant Date (Matching Grant)

Some refugee resettlement programs can assist new asylees with finding a job, learning English, and/or financial assistance. There is a time limit to enroll in this program and specific eligibility requirements, so visit the agency in your county as soon as possible.

4. Apply for Refugee Benefits (Medi-Cal, Cash Assistance and/or Cal-Fresh)

Asylees are eligible and can apply for one or all of the following refugee benefits:

Medi-Cal (public health insurance), you can apply by phone, in person or online, for details visit the following website:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.aspx>

Cal Fresh (food stamps), which is a card provided by the government with which you can buy food at many participating grocery stores. Application for CalFresh must be done through your local county office. Locate contact information for your county welfare office here: www.calfresh.ca.gov/PG839.htm

Cash assistance through a program called CalWORKS. You can apply online at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/>, or at your county welfare office

5. Get a Health Assessment

You can get a comprehensive refugee health assessment at zero cost to you with your MediCal/RMA. Support, referrals, medical interpretation and patient education for refugees and asylees are also available at many health clinics. Information about Northern California health assessment clinics/programs can be found in the back of this page.

6. Attend Asylum Orientation

For more information and opportunity to ask questions please come to the Asylum Orientation.



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Counties Funded in Northern California to Provide Refugee Health Assessment

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