

IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM AND NATIONALITY ADVICE

Advice for Life

This is the new name for Cambridge Independent Advice Centre. They give free advice on nationality, asylum and all aspects of immigration procedures (from varying or getting visas or leave to enter, to obtaining indefinite leave to remain). Advice is by appointment.

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Cambridge Independent Advice Centre – see **Advice for Life** (above)

Immigration Advisory Service (IAS)

The IAS is the UK's largest charity providing confidential advice and representation in immigration, asylum and nationality law. These services are free to people who are eligible. IAS also offers a fee-paying (non-profit) service.

For free online advice on immigration and asylum law, visit the IAS website. It covers topics such as understanding immigration law, making an entry clearance application, making in-country application and appealing against refusals. There are also pages aimed at people in specific immigration categories such as spouses and partners, people getting married in the UK, children, au pairs, highly skilled migrant workers, naturalisation and asylum. IAS offer summaries of their services in Arabic, Pashtu, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish and Urdu.

The IAS cannot give detailed or specific advice over the phone or in response to emails, as it could be misleading to do so, without knowing all the details. For specific advice, the IAS would need to speak to you in person by appointment at an IAS office. The IAS website has a full list of local IAS offices and surgeries across the UK and abroad. This refers people living in areas with a CM postcode to the central London Office.

County House, 190 Great Dover Street, London SE1 4YB
020 7967 1200
Email: ukadvice@iasuk.org
Website: www.iasuk.org

To find a solicitor specialising in immigration law, contact Community Legal Advice. If you are on a low income you may be able to get financial support through Legal Aid. You can specify if you need a specialist solicitor who speaks languages other than English. Community Legal Advice produce a leaflet on "Immigration and Nationality" which you can pick up at the Advice Centre (01279 446622) or download from the website.

0845 345 4 345 Community Legal Advice Helpline
Website: www.communitylegaladvice.org.uk

Integration Support Services (formerly Integration Support Group)

This not for profit organisation supports refugees, asylum seekers and newcomers in the UK to integrate and have an active role in the community. It offers emotional and practical support, advocacy and interpreting, referrals for legal advice on immigration, information on education and employment, English and IT courses and social and cultural activities. Please ring to check there will be someone in the office before you visit.

2 Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP
(01279) 639442 – office number

077 567 696 60 – mobile phone

Email: info@integrationsupportservices.org.uk

Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI)

JCWI offers free legal advice on immigration, nationality and asylum matters to immigration law professionals and private individuals. Some of this advice is given under their contract with the Legal Services Commission (LSC). They do not operate a drop-in advice service but will invite a limited number of people to see an adviser, depending on their circumstances.

115 Old Street, London EC1V 9RT

Office: 020 7251 8708 Fax: 020 7251 8707

Email: info@jcw.org.uk

Website: www.jcw.org.uk

0845 602 1020 Only for callers who are LSC quality mark holders

Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm

020 7251 8706 Advice line for all other callers

Tuesday and Thursday 2pm to 5pm

Refugee Council

The Refugee Council is the largest organisation in the UK working with asylum seekers and refugees. It provides advice and information on a wide range of issues, including social security, family reunion, identity and travel documentation, education, housing, legal issues and information about refugee community organisations. The Advice Line is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10am to 4pm, Wednesday 2pm to 4pm.

Head Office, 240-250 Ferndale Road, London SW9 8BB

020 7346 6700 Office Fax: 020 7346 6701

020 7346 6777 Advice Line

Email: info@refugeecouncil.org.uk

Website: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

Refugee Legal Centre

They give advice and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees. This includes helping with applications, advising on temporary admissions and release, refusal of asylum, family reunion and representing appeals in court. They refer people to other agencies for education, welfare and housing services. To make an appointment, you must telephone the Advice Line. Please do not visit the office unless you have an appointment or it is an emergency. You can write or fax the Advice and Representation Teams. They do not give advice to persons outside of the UK or via email.

153-157 Commercial Road, London E1 2EB

020 7780 3200 Office line between 10am to 4pm, weekdays

020 7780 3201 Fax

020 7780 3220 Advice and Appointment Line

0800 592 398 Detention Advice Line

Both these Advice Lines are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.30am to 1pm and then from 2pm to 4.30pm.

07831 598 057 Out of hours number for extreme emergencies

Email: rlc@refugee-legal-centre.org.uk for general enquiries

Website: www.refugee-legal-centre.org.uk