



[Date]

[Address]

Client No:
Claim No:

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Refugee and Protection Status Decision

The Refugee Status Branch received your claim for recognition as a refugee or protected person in New Zealand on [date].

You have been recognised as a refugee and a protected person. This means that you may stay in New Zealand.

Recognition as a refugee and a protected person means that if you wish to apply for a temporary entry class visa or a permanent resident visa, you should apply to the nearest Visa Branch of Immigration New Zealand (INZ). Please see the enclosed booklet "Getting Settled in New Zealand: Information for Approved Asylum Seekers" for further details.

Please give us feedback about our processes. You may use the enclosed client satisfaction survey to do that.

Yours sincerely,

Refugee and Protection Officer
Refugee Status Branch

Encl.



19 May 2011

Client Number:
Application Number:

Dear

CLAIM TO REFUGEE OR PROTECTION STATUS IN NEW ZEALAND

This letter confirms that your Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand form was received by the Refugee Status Branch (RSB) on [date].

This letter does not denote formal acceptance of the claim for consideration under statutory criteria.

Important General Information – Please Read

You will be required to attend an interview with a Refugee and Protection Officer about your claim. The interview date will be notified to you or your representative shortly. Interviews are held approximately 20 working days (four weeks) from the date of receipt of your claim at this office. Please note that the offer of an interview does not constitute acceptance of a refugee or protection claim.

If you change your address, depart New Zealand, or if you have an application for permanent residence in New Zealand approved, please contact the RSB immediately. Any correspondence that you send to the RSB should clearly state your full name, date of birth and your client number.

If you have a visa to remain legally in New Zealand it is important to ensure your visa is kept valid while your claim for refugee status is being processed. This can be done by applying to your nearest Visa Branch of Immigration New Zealand (INZ). For further information, please contact 0508 55 88 55. If your visa is issued for a 12 month period or longer, you may be required to complete medical requirements. Please note that present immigration law makes it difficult to obtain a further visa if you allow your current visa to expire.

The RSB has no objection to you attending an 'English as a Second Language' (ESL) course at the Auckland University of Technology (AUT), or another technical institute. You may be required to pay a fee for this course. It is important to note that permission is given to only attend ESL courses and not for any other courses.

If you decide to engage a representative, please give them a copy of this letter. Please also advise the RSB of your decision to engage a



representative. All further correspondence relating to your claim to refugee status in New Zealand will then be sent to your representative.

[Delete paragraph if claimant has already employed a representative]

You may be eligible to have your legal fees paid through the Legal Services Agency (LSA). The LSA has a list of legal aid lawyers. For further information, please contact 09 488 5440.

Please note that family members cannot be included in your claim to refugee or protection status in New Zealand. If you have other family members in New Zealand they may wish to consider lodging their own separate claim(s). If they wish to do so, they must complete their own Confirmation of Claim to Refugee and Protection Status in New Zealand form(s).

Please find enclosed a pamphlet entitled 'Welcome to Refugee Status Seekers – Public Health Screening Clinic' which is published by the Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS). The pamphlet details the medical screening service available to asylum seekers in the Auckland area. Asylum seekers outside of the Auckland area may also be able to access some of these services by obtaining further information from the providers listed below.

You are strongly advised to obtain a free public health clearance screening prior to your interview (please note that this is not an Immigration Medical). To arrange an appointment, please contact the centre nearest to you. Interpreters will be provided free of charge.

Auckland

Phone: 09 276 6719

Wellington

Regional Public Health – Joy Wilson

Phone: 04 570 9310

Christchurch

Community and Public Health – Aj Gavin

Phone: 03 363 1307 or 03 378 6760

Yours sincerely

(for and on behalf of the Branch Manager, Refugee Status Branch)

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- Refugee Status Branch (RSB – Service Guarantees)

- 'Welcome to Refugee Status Seekers – Public Health Screening Clinic' (Auckland Regional Public Health Service)
- Work and Income New Zealand (WINZ) Information
- Settlement Support New Zealand