

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: UNITED STATES RESETTLEMENT

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The United States has asked Nauru and Papua New Guinea (PNG) determined refugees to confirm their interest in engaging, or remaining engaged, in the United States resettlement arrangement by **20 September 2019**.

The United States resettlement arrangement has enabled 619 refugees (330 from Nauru, 279 from PNG and 10 from Australia) to resettle in the United States. This includes families, families with children and single adults, from a range of nationalities.

Transitory persons have an opportunity to engage with the United States process and potentially join the 619 people who have already found a permanent migration solution in the United States and moved on with their lives.

Eligible refugees are strongly encouraged to engage in the United States resettlement process.

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### **I'm in Australia and haven't ever registered my interest in United States Resettlement. Can I do it now?**

- Yes. If you been determined to be a refugee by the Government of Nauru or PNG, you (and your family) can register interest in United States resettlement. You must register by Friday 20 September 2019.
- You can register by contacting the Resettlement Support Center at [RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org](mailto:RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org)

### **I was transferred to Australia before I had attended all of my interviews. Can I now finish the process in Australia?**

- Yes. The United States will conduct both pre-screening and second stage interviews in Australia in the coming months.
- If you are in Australia, your interview will take place in Australia.
- You will be provided with support (if necessary) to attend an interview in Australia.
- If you have advised the United States you are no longer interested, but would like to continue with your application, you should email the Resettlement Support Center at [RSC Inquiries@rescue.org](mailto:RSC Inquiries@rescue.org)
  - You must do this by Friday 20 September 2019.

### **I withdrew my interest early in the process but I've now changed my mind, and want to continue the process while I am in Australia. What should I do?**

- You can re-engage in the process by emailing the Resettlement Support Center at [RSC Inquiries@rescue.org](mailto:RSC Inquiries@rescue.org)
  - You must do this by Friday 20 September 2019.

### **I've attended all interviews and am waiting for my decision. Do I need to re-register my interest?**

- No. The Resettlement Support Center will continue to progress your case and reach a decision.
  - Please remember that all cases are different and move through the process at different speeds.
- If you are in Australia when your decision is made, arrangements will be made for you to receive your decision in Australia and depart to the US from Australia.

**I've had a positive decision, but I still haven't been scheduled to depart.**

- There are many steps in the process following a decision. When your case is ready, you will be invited to attend medical screening and other pre-departure activities.
- If you are in Australia and you are approved for departure, arrangements will be made for you to depart directly to the United States from Australia.

**I received a positive decision in Nauru/PNG before I was transferred to Australia. Do I have to return to Nauru/PNG in order to depart to the United States?**

- No. You can depart directly from Australia. The United States has been advised of your transfer to Australia, and will make necessary arrangements for you to attend pre-departure activities in Australia.

**Some of my friends registered their interest at the same time as me, but they have already resettled to the United States. Why is my case taking so long?**

- All cases are different and move through the process at different speeds.

**I'm not sure that I want to resettle in the US.**

- The US Refugee Admissions Program is voluntary. You will not be forced to resettle in the US.
  - The Australian Government will not allow you to settle in Australia.
  - United States resettlement presents you with an opportunity to rebuild and restart your life.
- You can decide to withdraw at any point prior to departure. If you do this after 20 September 2019 your case will be officially closed.

**I have had another child since I registered my interest in United States resettlement/since my last interview. Do I need to advise the United States of the birth of my baby?**

- Yes. The United States must be advised of all individual on your resettlement application.
- The United States should be advised of any changes in personal circumstances. You can do this by emailing the RSC at [RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org](mailto:RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org).

**I've separated from my partner/I have a new partner since I registered my interest in United States resettlement/since my last interview. Do I need to advise the United States?**

- Yes. The United States should be advised of any changes in personal circumstances, including marriage, divorce or separation. You can do this by emailing the RSC at [RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org](mailto:RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org)