

Important information for people subject to offshore processing currently in Australia

This document contains important information about the United States Resettlement Program for refugees. Please read this information if you have been subject to offshore processing in the Republic of Nauru, or Papua New Guinea (PNG) and have been transferred to Australia for medical treatment or other purposes.

If you want to be considered for US resettlement, you need tell your Department of Immigration case manager now

If you are a refugee living in Australia, and have been subject to offshore processing, the Australian and US Governments have said that you have one more chance to say you want to be considered for settlement in the US.

The Government is trying to make sure that everyone has a copy of the attached factsheet. It tells you that if you want to be assessed to go to the US, you need to tell the Department of Immigration by **20 September 2019**.

You do not need to return to Nauru or PNG to be part of the process. You can say that you want to be considered to be settled in the US, while you are in Australia.

Key dates and information

You need to be aware of the following key dates and information:

- If you want to be assessed for resettlement in the US you must tell your Case Manager or Status Resolution Officer at the Department of Immigration that you want to apply by **20 September 2019**.
- If you put your US resettlement application on hold, but you do want to be considered for the US again, you must notify the Resettlement Support Centre at RSC-Inquiries@rescue.org or your Department of Immigration Case Manager or Status Resolution Officer **by 20 September 2019**.

If you do not tell the Department you want to be assessed for the US by 20 September 2019 you may never have another opportunity to be part of the process.

If you are approved to go to the US as part of this process, **you can still choose not to go to the US.**

If you still have not had your refugee claims assessed, **you should contact your 'RSD officer' and Department of Immigration Case Manager now.**

Questions and who to contact

If you have any questions about the US Resettlement Program, including information about support that you will receive in the US, **please contact your Case Manager or Status Resolution Officer.**

If you have a lawyer, **please contact your lawyer now** and before 20 September 2019.

If you have a lawyer but you do not have their contact details, **please contact the Human Rights Law Centre** Monday – Friday, 11am – 4pm on (02) 8599 2112 before 20 September 2019.

If you do not have a lawyer in Australia, and you want to talk about this information, **you can call:**

NSW & ACT: Refugee Advice & Casework Service (RACS) on (02) 8355 7227 (Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm)

VIC & SA: Refugee Legal on (03) 9413 0100 (Monday – Friday, 9am – 4PM)

NT, WA, QLD & Tasmania: You can call either RACS or Refugee Legal.