

## Legal Referral Sheet

#### **Interstate**

If you need of legal assistance and/or representation for your immigration matter and you live outside of Victoria, ASRC cannot assist you. You can contact these lawyers listed below for help.

#### **Legal Aid**

Legal Aid gives free legal advice and assistance to people with their legal problems. Generally, Legal Aid helps people with legal problems in areas of criminal law, family law and some civil law matters. Only some Legal Aid offices may help with immigration or refugee law.

For legal advice in your state or territory, go to this website and click on the map:

http://www.nationallegalaid.org/

#### **Community Legal Centres**

Community Legal Centres (CLCs) are independent, not-for-profit community organisations that provide legal and related services to people who are disadvantaged or have special needs. CLCs may provide general advice on different legal problems, or specific advice on a particular area of law.

Most CLCs only help people who live in their area – to search for a CLC near you, go to this website and click on "I need legal help" <a href="http://www.naclc.org.au/">http://www.naclc.org.au/</a>

#### **New South Wales (NSW)**

#### **Refugee Advice and Casework Services (RACS)**

RACS provides free, expert legal service for people seeking asylum in Australia who arrived by plane or by boat. RACS can provide advice and support for people lodging visa applications (including fast track) and appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. RACS does not provide advice about Judicial Review (i.e. appeals to the courts). From July 2016 RACS will be running judicial review clearinghouse service for Fast Track IAA refusals with client intake preferably via a person's SRSS caseworker.

Legal help

- 1. Telephone Advice: 10am-11.30am on Tuesdays only
- 2. Drop in to 4 Victoria Road, Arrupe Place, Parramatta is available twice a week: on Mondays 10am-12pm and Fridays from 10am-12pm
- 3. Drop in to 44A Macquarie Road, Auburn is on Wednesdays from 10am-12pm
- 4. Warm referrals (via email) for plane arrivals at Department or tribal stage via SRSS caseworkers at any time

Phone: 02 8355 7227 Email: admin@racs.org.au

Website: http://www.racs.org.au/

1-3 Eurimbla Avenue Randwick NSW 2031

#### **Legal Aid NSW**

The Immigration Service is a specialist service of Legal Aid NSW. They provide free legal advice, assistance and representation about refugee law and other immigration matters including family, refugee and humanitarian visas; temporary visas including bridging visas and visitor visas; resident return visas; and Australian citizenship. Legal Aid gives advice on detention, removal, cancellation procedures and exclusion periods.

Telephone advice: 1300 888 529 Website:

http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/civillaw/immigration-service

323 Castlereagh Street, Haymarket NSW & other locations across NSW

#### **Immigration Advice and Rights Centre (IARC)**

IARC provides free immigration advice to financially disadvantaged people in New South Wales. They can give advice on a range of immigration matters including family, refugee and humanitarian visas, Australian citizenship, cancellation, detention, bridging visas and appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. IARC does not provide advice on judicial review and economic stream migration (including employment, business and skilled visas). (every Telephone advice: Tuesday and Thursday, 2-

Phone: (02) 8234 0799 Website: http://www.iarc.asn.au/ Level 5, 362 Kent Street Sydney NSW 2000

4pm

#### **Salvos Legal Humanitarian**

Salvos Legal Humanitarian is a specialist free law firm that provides free legal advice and assistance to financially or otherwise disadvantaged people in New South Wales and Queensland in the areas of refugee law, immigration and citizenship, criminal law, family law, housing, Centrelink and debt.

Phone: (02) 8202 1500 Email: enquiries@salvoslegal.com.au

Website: www.salvoslegal.com.au
Level 2 151 Castlereagh St
Sydney NSW 2000

#### **Asylum Seekers Centre (ASC)**

The Asylum Seekers Centre provides accommodation and financial relief; health care, medications and counselling; hot lunches and food parcels; English classes and other educational and recreational activities for adults and children; assistance finding employment; access to computers and the internet; and legal advice, in partnership with the Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)

**Phone**: (02) 9078 1900

**Email**: <u>intake@asylumseekerscentre.org.au</u> **Website**: <u>http://asylumseekerscentre.org.au</u>

43 Bedford Street Newtown NSW 2042

#### Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia

The JRS' Shelter Project provides accommodation, financial assistance, legal and health referrals, English classes, and job search assistance to those with permission to work.

**Phone**: (02) 9098 9336

Email: info@jrs.org.au
Website: www.jrs.org.au
24 Roslyn Street
Kings Cross NSW 2011

#### **Australian Capital Territory (ACT)**

#### **Legal Aid ACT**

Legal Aid ACT helps people in the ACT with their legal problems, especially people who are socially or economically disadvantaged. They can help you with legal problems about criminal matters, family breakdown, child support, mental health, domestic violence, debt, housing, social security and immigration.

**Telephone advice:** 1300 654 314

Phone: (02) 6243 3446
Email: Migration@legalaidact.org.au
Website: www.legalaidact.org.au

2 Allsop Street

Canberra City ACT 2601

#### Western Australia (WA)

#### **The Humanitarian Group**

The Humanitarian Group assists people new to Australia who are disadvantaged in their access to

**Phone:** (08) 9227 7311

**Email:** admin@thehumanitariangroup.org.au

Website:

legal services. They provide migration assistance (specifically protection visas, including TPVs and SHEVs; family reunion, including offshore humanitarian and family stream visas; and appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal), complex immigration matters (including visa cancellations and refusals, citizenship and applications under family violence provisions).	www.thehumanitariangroup.org.au 16b Sunbury Street Victoria Park WA
Legal Aid WA Legal Aid WA provides limited migration advice, generally only for court cases before the Federal Court or the High Court.	Phone: 1300 650 579 Website: www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/ 32 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000 & other offices across WA
Law Access WA Law Access WA coordinates referrals to pro bono (free or reduced cost) legal assistance by lawyers in WA. Immigration matters may be eligible for pro bono referral, subject to a financial and merits test.	Telephone: (08) 9324 8600 Email: lawaccess@lawaccess.net.au
Centrecare Centrecare has a migration advice service and provides assistance to newly arrived migrants and refugees to settle in WA.	Phone: (08) 9451 1100 Website: <a href="https://www.centrecare.com.au/services/">www.centrecare.com.au/services/</a> 23 Victoria Square, Perth WA

### Queensland (QLD)

Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS) RAILS is an independent not-for-profit community legal centre specialising in refugee and immigration law. It provides free legal advice and assistance to disadvantaged people on Australia migration law, reviews, permanent residence, citizenship, visa cancellation, refugee status, protection visas and detention.  In partnership with Legal Aid Qld offers legal advice on family law and domestic violence related matters every Friday by appointment. RAILS offers monthly employment advice clinics for information including unfair dismissal, pay disputes and workplace harassment in partnership with TressCox Lawyers.	Phone: (07) 3846 9333 Email: admin@rails.org.au Website: www.rails.org.au Level 1, 170 Boundary Street West End QLD 4101
Salvos Legal Humanitarian	<b>Phone:</b> (07) 3280 8860

Salvos Legal Humanitarian is a specialist free law firm that provides free legal advice and assistance to financially or otherwise disadvantaged people in New South Wales and Queensland in the areas of refugee law, immigration and citizenship, criminal law, family law, housing, Centrelink and debt. **Email:** <a href="mailto:enquiries@salvoslegal.com.au">enquiries@salvoslegal.com.au</a> **Website:** <a href="mailto:www.salvoslegal.com.au">www.salvoslegal.com.au</a>
The Sony Centre, 27 Smiths Road
GOODNA QLD 4300

#### **Northern Territory (NT)**

# **Legal Aid NT**Legal Aid NT provides legal assistance to people who are unable to afford the services of a private lawyer. They do not provide assistance with immigration

matters but may provide referral to other legal

services.

## **Darwin Asylum Seeker Support & Advocacy Network**

DASSAN supports and advocates for asylum seekers in the NT. They are not a legal service but can be of general assistance, particularly in the detention space. **Phone:** 1800 019 343 (Legal Aid

Helpline)

Email: info@ntlac.nt.gov.au
Website: http://www.ntlac.nt.gov.au/

6th Floor, 9-11 Cavenagh St

Darwin NT 0800

**Email**: dassan2011@gmail.com **Website:** http://dassan.weebly.com/

#### **South Australia (SA)**

#### Legal Aid SA

The Legal Services Commission offers immigration and refugee legal advice through its Adelaide office. Free migration information and advice is available to anyone in South Australia. Areas covered include onshore protection visas (plane arrivals); onshore partner visas involving the family violence provisions; appeals to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal; offshore humanitarian or family stream visas; visa cancellations, or refusals, based on a failure of the character test.

Phone: 1300 366 424 Website: www.lsc.sa.gov.au 159 Gawler Place

Adelaide SA 5000

#### **Australian Refugee Association (ARA)**

ARA provides advice and assist people in applying for visa, residence and citizenship applications. ARA can assist with visitor & sponsored visitor visas, family, partner & spouse visas and refugee & asylum seeker visas.

**Phone:** (08) 8354 2951

Email: reception@ausref.net

Website: <a href="http://www.australianrefugee.org/">http://www.australianrefugee.org/</a>

304 Henley Beach Road Underdale SA 5032

#### Tasmania (TAS)

#### **Legal Aid Tasmania**

Legal Aid Tasmania cannot assist clients with immigration legal advice. The organisation may provide information regarding other organisations who may provide immigration advice.

Only use a registered migration agent.

**Phone:** 1300 366 611 **Website:** https://www.legalaid.tas.gov.au
158 Liverpool Street, Hobart TAS 7000 & other offices across Tasmania

Migration agents and lawyers who practise in immigration must be registered with the Office of Migration Agents Registration Authority to give you advice. See <a href="https://www.mara.gov.au/">https://www.mara.gov.au/</a>