

Legal Referral Sheet

Free Legal Help

If you need of legal assistance and/or representation and can't afford to pay for a lawyer, you can call the following telephone advice lines:

Refugee Legal (formerly RILC)

Refugee Legal specialises in free legal advice and representation in relation to refugee and general immigration matters. Refugee Legal provides assistance to applicants who arrived by plane and boat, and also has funding to assist plane arrivals under IAAAS (see below).

Advice line: (03) 9413 0100 – available Wednesdays & Fridays from 10am to 2pm

Victoria Legal Aid (VLA)

VLA has a range of services to help people with their legal problems. A Victoria Legal Aid lawyer may be able to give you general information about applying for a protection visa, and may also be able to help with applications for judicial review (Federal Circuit Court).

Advice line: 1300 792 387 – available Monday to Friday from 8.45 am to 5.15 pm

Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme (IAAAS)

If you arrived in Australia by plane with a valid visa, and need assistance at the primary stage of the refugee determination process (ie applying for protection at the Department of Immigration), you can try contacting the following IAAAS providers, who may be able to assist you for free.

The IAAAS scheme is funded by the Australian government to give free migration advice and visa application assistance to people who have arrived lawfully in Australia and who meet specific eligibility criteria with respect to financial or other vulnerability.

Name	Phone	Email	Location
Refugee Legal	(03) 9413 0100	rile@rile.org.au	Collingwood

Sabelberg Morcos Lawyers	(03) 9670 4033	admin@sabelbergs.com.au	Melbourne CBD
Fragomen	(03) 9613 9333	FVaress@fragomen.com.au	Sydney*

*Fragomen can only assist Victorian clients where the other two IAAAS providers do not have capacity

Paid Legal Services

The lawyers listed below may help you with your immigration matter. They will charge fees for their assistance, called legal fees or professional fees.

A lawyer must give you a 'costs agreement.' This document is your legal contract with your lawyer and explains how much money you must pay, when you must pay it, and what you can expect from your lawyer.

The ASRC recommends the following lawyers for assistance in relation to:

- Protection visa applications and interviews at the Department of Immigration;
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal review applications;
- Federal Circuit Court, Federal Court and High Court;
- Humanitarian requests to the Minister of Immigration;
- Family visas, skilled visas, work visas and student visas;
- Complex health and character matters.
- Visa cancellations and responses to adverse information.

Name	Phone	Email	Location
Carina Ford Immigration Lawyers	(03) 9391 0677	office@carinafordlawyers.com.au	Footscray
Clothier Anderson & Associates	(03) 9347 4022	info@clothieranderson.com.au	Carlton
PB & B Immigration Lawyers	(03) 9381 0770 0411 612 247	enquiries@pbblawyers.com.au	Brunswick
Hanna Jackson Lawyers	(03) 9077 6362	info@hjlawyers.com.au	Coburg
Fragomen	(03) 9613 9333	info@fragomen.com	Melbourne CBD

Abode Migration Lawyers	0422 158 857 0401 693 554	info@abodemigration.com.au	Melbourne CBD or Springvale
Erskine Rodan & Associates	(03) 9329 8744	info@erskinerodan.com.au	North Melbourne
Kerdo Legal	(03) 9710 1170	admin@migration-lawyers.net.au	Preston

Migration agents and lawyers who practise in immigration must be registered with the Office of Migration Agents Registration Authority to give you advice. See

<https://www.mara.gov.au/>

Only use a registered migration agent.