

Simple information (on a single sheet of paper that can be translated into various languages) about how to apply for asylum

Information about requesting refugee status in (country)

Who is a refugee?

- If you have a well-founded fear of being persecuted on the grounds of race, religion, gender, nationality or political opinion, or because you belong to a particular social group (profession, sexual orientation, family situation, etc.) in your country of origin, or
- If you have fled your country due to war or a serious conflict situation, or
- If for some other reason your life, physical integrity or freedom would be threatened if you were to return to your country of origin;
 - You can be a refugee and have the right to request refugee status in (country).

How do you request refugee status in (country) and what is the procedure?

Example from Mexico

Inform an official of the National Migration Institute (INM) that you want to request asylum from the Mexican Commission of Aid to Refugees (COMAR). You have 30 working days from the day you entered Mexico to request asylum status in writing, or orally (if unable to do so in writing).

- The procedure for refugee status is free, CONFIDENTIAL, and you have the right to an interpreter (if needed).
- You must be able to answer a series of questions about your personal details and explain the motives and reasons that have led you to request refugee status.
- Based on the analysis of the request, the (commission/ eligibility body) will give its decision within the following XXX working days from the day after the presentation of your request.
- You have the right to appeal against the decision of (commission/ eligibility body) if your request is rejected.

Date and name and signature of the applicant
confirming that he/she has received and understood the information.