

Internal Protection Alternative

- Although there may be evidence of a risk of being persecuted in an applicant's place of origin because the home state is unable or unwilling to protect against the risk of serious harm, the existence of State protection in some other part of the home state may still obviate the need for international protection. In other words is there an alternative place in the home state where protection is available?
- At what point do you consider whether state protection is available in another part of the home state. Is this after you have decided that there is a risk of persecution in the place of origin of the applicant or do you treat the possibility of State protection elsewhere as part of the enquiry into whether a well founded fear is established?
- What is the approach to be taken if it is considered that the risk of persecution is confined to the home area and does not exist in another part of the home state?
- What is the approach to be taken if it is considered that state protection is available in another part of the home state away from the place of origin?
- Is there a risk of persecution for reasons that are different from the original claim in the proposed place of relocation?
- How relevant to the enquiry is the ability of the claimant to reach the proposed place of relocation?
- If none of the answers to the above questions results in a need for protection what are the factors to be taken into account in deciding whether the proposed place of relocation justifies rejection of the claim?