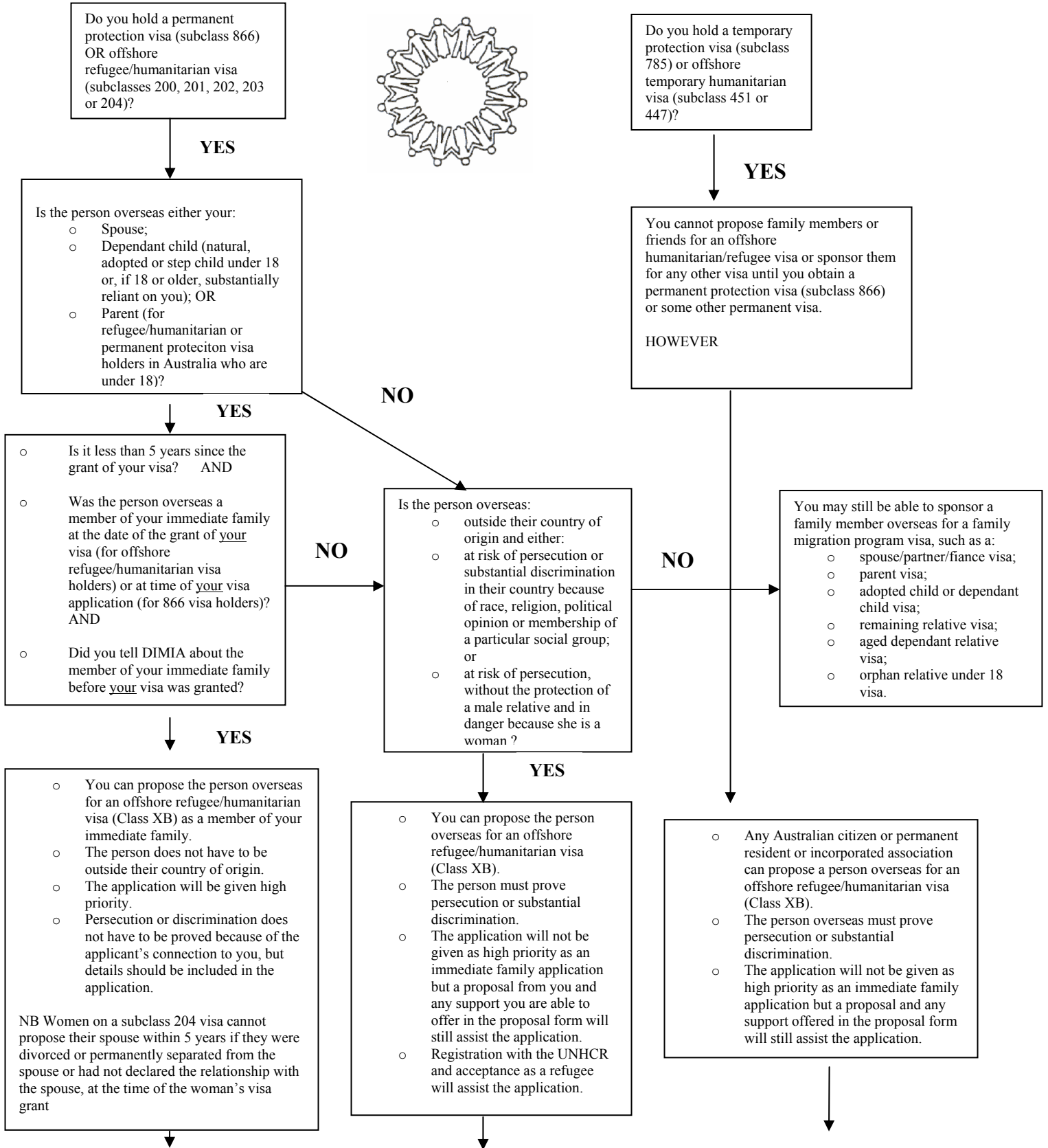
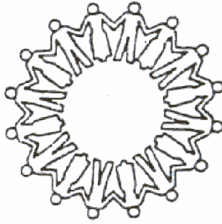


# REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICE

## FAMILY REUNION FOR REFUGEE/HUMANITARIAN VISA HOLDERS



**MAKE YOUR APPLICATION**

- **Form 681 - To be completed by proposer**
- **Form 842 – To be completed by applicant**

# The Application Process (Offshore Refugee/Humanitarian Visa Applications)

## WHAT FORMS DO I USE?

- For all offshore refugee/humanitarian visas (Class XB) applications the application and proposal forms are the same:
  - Form 842 - Application for an Offshore Humanitarian Visa
    - Form 842 must be completed and signed by the main applicant, their spouse (if applicable) and any other people included in the application who are aged 18 or over.
  - Form 681 – Refugee and Special Humanitarian Proposal
    - Form 681 must be completed and signed by the proposer.
    - A proposal is essential for immediate family visas and special humanitarian visas (subclass 202).
    - A proposal is optional for other offshore refugee/humanitarian visas but will strengthen the application.
- For immediate family applications the applicant will be granted the same visa subclass as that held by the proposer (except for subclass 866 proposers, where the applicant is granted a subclass 202 visa).
- For all other applicants, DIMIA decides which subclass of visa the applicant will receive.

## WHERE DO I LODGE THE FORMS?

The application (Form 842) and proposal (Form 681) should be lodged together. Generally, for applications where there is a proposal form and the applicant is in Africa or the Middle East, the application MUST be lodged in Australia, not the overseas Australian mission.

Generally:

For applicants Africa lodge at:  
Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre  
DIMIA, GPO BOX 9984, Sydney NSW 2001.

For applicants in the Middle East lodge at:  
Offshore Humanitarian Processing Centre  
DIMIA, GPO BOX 241, Melbourne VIC 3001

However, you should also check appropriate the place of lodgment for the applicant's country on the DIMIA website at [www.immi.gov.au/refugee/migrating\\_refugee.htm](http://www.immi.gov.au/refugee/migrating_refugee.htm) or by phoning DIMIA on 131 881

## WHAT COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

There are no application fees for offshore humanitarian/refugee visas.

For applicants granted subclass 200, 201, 203 or 204 visas, the government will pay for:

- health and character checks;
- travel costs if the visa holder does not have access to more than \$A 10, 000 per person or \$A 20, 000 for a family.

For applicants granted subclass 202 visa, they or their proposer must pay their travel costs but the government will pay health check costs.

## CAN I BORROW THE MONEY?

Interest free loans are available from the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), to assist family members travelling to Australia under subclass 202 visas. Loans can only be provided to proposers with a Centrelink issued Health Care Card and can only be given where the visa holder's travel is arranged by IOM. Loans are limited to a maximum of \$4000 per family and a down payment equivalent to 35% of the estimated travel cost is required. To inquire about a loan, email the IOM at [travel.loan.canberra@iom.int](mailto:travel.loan.canberra@iom.int) or telephone the IOM on 02 6267 6634.

*This information is not a substitute for legal advice. If you have legal questions about a case you should seek assistance from a registered migration agent  
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