



## GETTING IMMIGRATION LEGAL ADVICE

If you are not a citizen you must have a valid visa, or the law says you must be detained.

You should **get migration legal advice** urgently before applying for any visa. Only a registered migration agent or (after 21 March 2021) a lawyer with an unrestricted practising certificate can give immigration advice.

If you are on a temporary visa, including a Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) you must reapply for a further visa if your current visa is going to expire soon.

Applying for a visa is complex. Each visa has many requirements you must meet to apply for and be granted a visa. There are also health, security and character requirements and rules about which family members can be included in a visa application.

The Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS) gives free legal advice about visas for people on low incomes. Our contact for advice is 07 3846 9300 or via our website [www.rails.org.au/contact](http://www.rails.org.au/contact)

You can also get advice from private migration agents or lawyers who normally charge fees. Registered agents are listed on the website of the Migration Agents Registration Authority <https://www.mara.gov.au/using-an-agent/using-a-registered-migration-agent/> Lawyers can be found on the Law Society website <https://www.qls.com.au/Home>

RAILS has many **FACT SHEETS** on our website about the law, including about applying for refugee Protection Visas, SHEV and TPV visas in several languages. The Fact Sheets are available at <https://www.rails.org.au/education/resources>

The Department of Home Affairs also has a lot of information online about visas on their website [immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/](http://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/) For example, information about SHEV Pathway visa <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/safe-haven-enterprise-790/safe-haven-enterprise-visa-pathway>

### HELP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Asylum Seeker Refugee Assistance (ASRA) Program provides some health, housing, legal and employment support. It works from hubs at several places:

- Gatton (Seventh Day Adventist Church): last Tuesday of each month, 12pm – 4pm
- Logan ACCESS Gateway: every Wednesday, 10am – 4pm
- Indooroopilly Uniting Church: every Thursday, 2pm – 5pm
- Romero Centre, Dutton park, first Monday of each month, 1pm – 4:30pm