

Easy Guide on refugee resettlement programs 2003/2004

Information as of October 2003

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AUSTRALIA	1 JUL2003 - 30 JUN 2004	<p>A total of 10,991 places which includes 3,575 Refugee¹ places and 7,416 Special Humanitarian Program (SHP)² places. It is proposed to allocate these places to the following regions:</p> <p>Europe 293 Middle East and South West Asia 2,025 Africa 8,242 Asia 371 America 10 50 places remain unallocated.</p> <p>(1 – see last dash point in last column; 2 – see explanation of SHP in last column)</p>	<p>During the 2002-03 program year 11,656 offshore humanitarian visas were granted comprising 4,376 Refugee visas and 7,280 SHP visas.</p>	<p>Similar to the past few years, a total Humanitarian Program of 12,000 places in 2004-05 is likely, which includes 4,000 Refugee places. The exact size and composition of the program is subject to consideration by the Australian Government in March/April 2004.</p>	<p>Each application for entry under Australia's offshore humanitarian program is considered on its merits by officers at Australian overseas missions. In 2002-03 more than 18,600 applications for the Refugee category were received at offshore posts. Officers travel to camps as required to interview and assess cases for resettlement. Some short-term missions from Australia have been planned for the Africa region (Cairo, Nairobi and west Africa.)</p>	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Refugee allocation includes an allocation of 420 places for Woman at Risk category (10.5% of total Refugee allocation). • The Refugee category also includes the Emergency Rescue program with submissions via UNHCR office in Canberra to the Australian Government – arrangements stipulating timeframes for finalisation of these cases were formalised in June 2003. • Australia also operates a Special Humanitarian Program that will resettle more than 7,400 persons in 2003-04 who are refugees or in refugee-like situations and who have proposers in Australia. • Australia's Humanitarian Program is characterised by its flexibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Where places in one program year are not used, those places can be rolled over into the following program year; – Places can also be moved between the offshore and onshore components of the program as required – Visas issued to applicants but not used for entry to Australia may be re-allocated in the following program year to ensure that all places under the program are fully utilised, thus ensuring that no places under the program are wasted; <p>Additionally, where resettlement places in excess of those available in a program year are required, the Minister may bring forward places from future program years - 498 Refugee places were brought forward in 2002-03 from the 2003-04 program year to allow grant of additional Refugee visas.</p>
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BRASIL	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003						
BURKINA FASO	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003						
CANADA	1 APR-31 MAR.2003	Government ass. ref: 7.500 + 200 transf. from 2002/2003 Main nat. Afghanistan Columbia Sudan Congo (DRC) Iran In addition privately sponsored refugees	Government ass. ref: 4.917 Privately ass. ref.: 2118	7.500 Nat: Colombians Sudanese Somalis Ethiopians Congolese Afghan Iranians Iraqis	Abijan Accra Cairo Nairobi Pretoria Damascus Hong Kong Islamabad New Delhi Singapore Bogotá Guatemala Ankara London Moscow Vienna	Same as current FY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of refugee includes persons in refugee like situations and persons personally affected by civil war, armed conflict or gross violation of human rights. Program includes some persons still in country of origin (six countries). Government assistance restricted to source country applicants or CRs and to persons with special needs under any category. Country of asylum class members require private sponsor. • Private sponsorship program is in addition to government assisted program and sees an additional 2,900 – 4,200 refugees selected per year. • Urgent protection program in place • Joint Assistance Sponsorship program for refugees with special needs (10% of budget allocated to special needs cases) • Women at risk program in place • Settlement criteria do not apply to urgent or vulnerable cases (must meet regulatory definitions) • Spouses/family members of refugees derive refugee status and are accepted for resettlement with the refugee • Interview at missions; interview may be waived. • Submission via UNHCR BO or by private sponsor • 95 volunteer community organizations, known as Sponsorship Agreement Holders, and their constituent groups work with government towards resettling refugees
CHILE	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003						

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DENMARK	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003	500 places + 10 transf. from 2002 Main nat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congolese Acehnese from Indonesia Chin and Rohingya from Burma 	379 as of 2 Oct	500 places Main nat: not determined	Bangkok Kuala Lumpur (twice) Main nat. from both missions: Acehnese from Indonesia Chin and Rohingya from Burma.	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency resettlement procedures in place “Twenty or More Plan” for refugees with special medical needs Family reunion is outside the quota Spouses/family members of refugees with nationality of country of asylum are not accepted for resettlement and must apply for family reunification once the refugee is resettled to Denmark Interview missions Submission via UNHCR HQ
FINLAND	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003	750 places Main nat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghans Iranians Sudanese 	482 from 2002 quota 64 from 2003 quota	750 places (Gov.proposal, not yet confirmed by the Parliament) Main nat: not determined	Egypt Turkey Iran Main nat: Sudanese Iranians Afghans	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission via HCR HQ Interview Missions Urgent/ Emergency cases on dossier basis Family reunification is outside the quota
ICELAND	1 JUN. 2003 31 MAY 2004						
IRELAND	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003	10 cases per year no upper limit on no of persons but anticipate approx 40 persons per year will be approved We do not specify particular nationalities	34 persons 31 (9 cases) from 2002 quota, 2 children outstanding from 2000 quota and 1 child from 2001 quota The final case (2 persons) of the 2002 quota is due to arrive in early Nov. The first 2 cases from 2003 Quota due to arrive on 5 November 2003. We anticipate that the majority of the 2003 quota will be admitted by the end of the year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 cases (anticipate up to 40 persons) yet to be selected a case is the applicant plus their immediate relatives 	Selection by Dossier submitted by UNHCR. Arrivals so far are mainly from Afghanistan, Liberia, D.R. Congo, Chechnya, Liberia, Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Cameroon	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 cases per year plus their immediate family on a similar basis as relatives of persons granted refugee status in the State. Family reunification is outside the Quota Status is as a “programme refugee” Have in general same rights and privileges as Irish Citizens Selection by Dossiers submitted by UNHCR Resettlement Officer assigned to offer individual support on arrival to ensure ease of transition. May apply for citizenship after 3 years

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THE NETHERLANDS	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003	500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eritrean Somali Rwandese 	60 persons	500	N/A	Dossier missions, number not yet indicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently awaiting approval of new policy by Netherlands authority. Current policy: emergency resettlement procedures in place; Twenty-or-more-plan: 20% of total quota; family reunion is included in the quota; submission via UNHCR HQ.
NORWAY	1 JAN.-31 DEC. 2003	750 places + 395 transferred from 2002= 1145 places (incl 50 places for alternative use) Main nat: Liberians Congolese (DRC) Burundians Iranians Achenese from Indonesia Chin from Myanmar	6 Oct 2003 1112	N/A	Guinea: mainly Liberians Tanzania: mainly Congolese and Burundians Malaysia: mainly Chin from Myanmar and secondly Achenese from Indonesia	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission via UNHCR HQ Selection missions 20-or-more quota Emergency resettlement procedures Build on national/ethnic groups already resettled Develop a cultural orientation programme for Norway-bound refugees initiated in 2003 run by IOM
NEW ZEALAND	1 JUL 2003 30 JUN 2004	750 places Main nat.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afghans Iraqis Iranians Sudanese Eritrean Small numbers of: Somali Algerian Chinese Kuwait Myanmar Pakistani Palestinian Sri Lankan Burundi Lebanese Rwandan Turkish	Afghan: 7 Algerian: 1 Chinese: 3 Iranian: 6 Iraqi: 8 Kurwait: 1 Myanmarese: 15 Pakistani: 1 Palestinian: 6 Somalis: 32 Sri Lankan: 5 Burundi: 3 Eritrean: 15 Ethiopian: 22 Lebanese: 1 Rwanda: 3 Sudanese:60 Syrian: 1 Turkish:6	750 places Nationalities not yet determined	Selection missions: Indonesia Thailand Malaysia Kenya Ethiopia Sudan	Not yet decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency resettlement procedures in place Family reunion inside (up to 300 places) and outside the quota Quota includes women-at-risk subcategory (75) & Medical/disabled subcategory (75) Interview missions take place 6 week orientation course for refugee intakes on arrival Quota allocations determined on basis of UNHCR submission and consultations with domestic refugee stakeholders Quota policy aims to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resettle priority protection cases from countries of first asylum; facilitate family reunion; respond to regional refugee pressures; maximise numbers of family groups; strengthen existing refugee communities in NZ

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SWEDEN	1 JAN.- 31 DEC. 2003	1000 places 250 U and EM cases Afghan Chinese Congoese Liberian Rwandian Sudanese Sierra Leo. Iraqi Iranian	Approx. 600	1000 or more Main nationalities not yet decided	Indonesia Sri Lanka Guinea Conakry Two missions cancelled because of Iraqi war and late realization: Turkey Iran	Not decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quota places relates to <u>arrivals</u>, not decisions No spill over turn of FY Extended convention status accepted 25% urgent and emergency places, world wide, on dossier basis Special need cases available within the quota Approx. 50% accepted on selection mission and the balance on dossier basis Submissions via UNHCR HQ 75 places converted into a Medical Project for B/H citizens and Kosovars Extended families are accepted if they are submitted at the same time Not submitted family members are considered outside the quota Flexible/alternative use of quota allocation is permitted after governmental decision
UNITED KINGDOM	1 APR. 2003 31 MAR 2004	500 places maximum Nationalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liberian Congoese Further nationalities to be decided 	None as of 15 Oct 03	Not yet decided	Sierra Leone July 03, Guinea Sep 03, Mission Dec 03: western/ central Africa	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First year of programme. Interview missions UK Resettlement officers based in Accra to interview all applicants. Programme based in West Africa for first year. Health examination required before a decision is made. No emergency resettlement procedures in place. Submissions by Field Offices to UNHCR Regional hub then onto UK. "Ten or more plan" for medical cases is <u>outside</u> the quota.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1 OCT. 2003 30 SEP. 2004	Africa: 25.000 East Asia: 6.500 Europe /Cen. Asia: 13.000 Latin America: 3.500 Near east/South East: 2.000 Main nat: Liberian Somali Sudanese Russian Ukrainian Cuban	None as of 21 Oct.	N/A	Not a part of US program	Not a part of US program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large, diverse program operating all over the world. Resettled refugees from 65 nationalities in FY 2003 FY 2004 ceiling of 50,000 (with an additional 20,000 places available in unallocated reserve) Caseload comprised of UNHCR-referred cases, family reunion cases from nine eligible nationalities (Burma, Burundi, Colombia, Congo (Brazzaville), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iran, Liberia, Somalia, Sudan), and certain nationalities designated by the President for "in-country" processing (Vietnamese, Cubans, nationalities of the Former Soviet Union)

* For Resettlement countries which operate quotas by regions of in-take: please indicate also the processing post and its total capacity; for instance Bangkok: YYYY (XXX Iranians, XXX Chinese, XXX Indonesian-Achinese, etc...)