



WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM

Congratulations! Now that you have been granted asylum, here are a few things that you should do as soon as possible.

1. Apply for a Social Security Number

Visit your local social security office to apply for unrestricted social security card proves that you are now legally able to work in the U.S. Bring one of the following documents as a proof of your status: an I-94 with a stamp showing you have been granted asylum; an original order of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Judge) granting asylum; a decision from the Asylum Office; or an original order from the Board of Immigration Appeals granting asylum (I-94). **Keep the receipt as proof of application and to apply for other benefits below.**

Find your local office here: <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp>

2. Get a California State ID Card

You can apply for your California State ID card (or Driver's License) at any Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Be sure to bring a valid combination of proof of identity for name, date of birth, residency. There is a \$30 fee. You can find your local DMV here: <https://www.dmv.org/ca-california/id-cards.php>

3. Apply for Refugee Benefits (Medi-Cal, Cash Assistance and/or Cal-Fresh)

Asylees are eligible and can apply for one or all of the following refugee benefits. Be sure to inform them you are a new asylee since that entitles you to special benefits. It is recommended that you apply in person and bring supporting documents listed on page 3.

- **Medi-Cal (public health insurance)**, you can apply by phone, in person or online, for details visit the following website: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.aspx>
- **Cal Fresh (money for food)**, which is a card provided by the government with which you can buy food at many participating grocery stores. Application for CalFresh must be done through your local county office. Locate contact information for your county welfare office here: www.calfresh.ca.gov/PG839.htm
- **Cash assistance** through a program called CalWORKS. This program provides training and employment in many areas. You can apply online at <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/calworks/>, or at your county human/social service office.

4. Get a full Health Assessment

Ensure good health and stay healthy by getting a comprehensive Refugee Health Assessment at zero cost to you with your MediCal/RMA. Specialized clinics provide the health assessment, including referrals, medical interpretation and patient education. Information about Northern California health assessment clinics/programs can be found in the back of this page.

5. Attend "New Asylee Benefits" Orientation

You should have received an invitation from the Asylum Office or the Court to attend a New Asylee Benefits Orientation. This is an opportunity to learn information and ask questions.



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Counties Funded in Northern California to Provide Refugee Health Assessment

ALAMEDA COUNTY

Alameda County Refugee Health Program
6955 Foothills Blvd. Suite 200
Oakland, CA 94605
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sly@acmedctr.org

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Health Department
Physical address in different locations,
please call (925) 313-6893; Fax: (925) 313-6344
maggie.nguyen@hsd.cccounty.us

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Refugee Clinic
4600 Broadway, Suite 2100,
Sacramento, CA 95820
(916) 874-9227; Fax: (916) 874-9740
SacRefugeeClinic@sacounty.net

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System
Valley Health Center Lenzen
TB Clinic/Refugee Health Assessment Program
976 Lenzen Avenue
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San Jose, CA 95126
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STANISLAUS COUNTY

County Health Services Agency – Public Health
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Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and/or MediCal

Your Eligibility Worker will tell you exactly what documents you need to provide during your intake session. The documents will be used to figure out how much money you will receive. The amount of assistance you receive will vary depending on your family's assets.

The following list contains examples of documents that you may need to show your Eligibility Worker. Take as many of these as you have. Take original documents.

Proof of Identity

- Photo ID
 - ID Card or Driver's License
 - Valid Passport
 - EAD (Employment Authorization Document)
- Proof of age and family relationships in your household
 - Birth and Marriage Certificates

Social Security Number

- Social Security Card OR
- Receipt or letter from Social Security Administration, showing that you applied for a Social Security Card

Proof of Immigration Status

- I-94
- Court Order

Proof of Property

- Bank statements (most recent statements for checking and savings)
- Vehicle registration papers

Proof of Income

- Pay stubs (most recent, especially all from current and last month)
- Tax return (copy of last year's tax return)

Proof of Residency and Housing Costs

- Rent agreement or lease
- Rent receipt
- Letter from person to whom you pay rent verifying your address and housing cost
- Utility bill