



## **WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM**

Congratulations! Now that you have been granted asylum, you have access to new opportunities and benefits. Some benefits have strict time limits so you should apply as soon as you can. Here are a few things you should do.

- 1. Apply for a Social Security Number-** An *unrestricted* social security card proves that you are able to work in the U.S. Visit <https://www.ssa.gov/locator> to find the nearest Social Security Administration office. Bring your asylum approval letter from UCSIC along with the I-94 card; an original order of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Judge) granting asylum; OR an original order from the Board of Immigration Appeals granting asylum, and your photo identification. **Get a receipt of your application.**
- 2. Obtain a California State ID (Identification) Card** - You can apply for your California State ID card or Drivers License at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) near your home. Visit <https://www.dmv.ca.gov> to find office locations. Be sure to bring valid proof of photo identification, proof of social security number, and 2 items of proof that you live in California, such as a phone bill or official mail with your California address.
- 3. Apply for Health Benefits/Insurance (Medi-Cal)** - Many new asylees are eligible to receive Medi-Cal after they are granted asylum. Go to your local county human services agency to apply for "Refugee Medi-Cal". If you currently have Emergency Medi-Cal, go apply for "Full Scope" Medi-Cal with your new asylum status. To find your local county office, visit <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>. Refer to the list of documents to take with you to apply for benefits.
- 4. Apply for CalFresh/Food Assistance** - Apply for monthly benefits to help you purchase groceries. For more information on CalFresh and to apply online, visit <https://www.getcalfresh.org>. You may also apply for CalFresh when you apply for Medi-Cal at your county human services agency.
- 5. Schedule a Health Assessment** to be sure you have good health and wellness. See a list of clinics on the back and call for an appointment.

### **If you need assistance with applications or questions:**

- 6. Search for your County's Refugee Services on the Internet**  
The back of this page has county contacts for some refugee resettlement agencies and health assessment agencies in Northern California.  
Or search your county name and "refugee services" on the internet to find the organization in your county that can help you get started.
- 7. Visit a Refugee Resettlement Agency or Refugee Health Assessment Program**  
Some refugee resettlement programs can assist new asylees with social service applications, finding a job, getting a health assessment, learning English, and/or financial assistance. There is a time limit to enroll in these programs and specific eligibility requirements, so visit the agency in your county as soon as possible.

## Refugee Health Assessment clinic locations in Northern California

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Alameda County Refugee Health Program  
6955 Foothills Blvd. Suite 200  
Oakland, CA 94605  
Phone: (510) 895-7355  
[sly@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:sly@alamedahealthsystem.org)

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Contra Costa County Health Dept  
597 Center Avenue, Ste. 275  
Martinez, CA 94533  
Phone: (925) 313-6893  
[Maggie.Nguyen@cchealth.org](mailto:Maggie.Nguyen@cchealth.org)

### **KERN COUNTY**

Department of Public Health  
1800 Mt. Vernon Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
Phone: (661) 868-1219

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

TB Clinic/Refugee Health Assessment Program  
976 Lenzen Avenue  
Room 1500 & Lower Level San Jose, CA 95126  
Phone: (408) 792-5586  
[Mylene.Madrid@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:Mylene.Madrid@hhs.sccgov.org)

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Chest Clinic and Refugee Clinic  
4600 Broadway, Suite 2100  
Sacramento, CA 95820  
Phone: (916) 874-9227  
[fieldk@saccounty.net](mailto:fieldk@saccounty.net)

### **STANISLAUS COUNTY**

Stanislaus County Health Dept  
820 Scenic Drive  
Modesto, CA 95350  
(209) 558-8863

### **SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, SAN MATEO COUNTY, & MARIN COUNTY**

Newcomers Health Program – Refugee Medical Clinic  
Family Health Center  
995 Potrero Ave. Ward 85  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
(415) 206-8608;  
Fax: (415) 206-5513  
[Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org](mailto:Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org)

## Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Northern California

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

International Rescue Committee  
440 Grand Ave #500  
Oakland, CA 94610  
Phone: 510-452-8222  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Jewish Family Services  
1855 Olympic Blvd Ste. 200  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596  
Phone: 925-927-2000  
[www.jfcs-eastbay.org](http://www.jfcs-eastbay.org)

### **STANISLAUS COUNTY**

International Rescue Committee  
2925 Niagara St.  
Turlock, CA 95382  
Phone: 209-656-8158

World Relief, Modesto  
1401 F Street  
Modesto, CA 95354  
Phone: 209-491-2712  
[www.worldreliefmodesto.org](http://www.worldreliefmodesto.org)

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

World Relief Sacramento  
4616 Roseville Rd #107,  
North Highlands, CA 95660  
Phone: 916-978-2650  
<https://worldreliefsacramento.org/>

International Rescue Committee  
2020 Hurley Way,  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
Phone: 916-482-0120  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

Opening Doors  
1111 Howe Ave #125,  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
Phone: 916-492-2591  
[www.openingdoorsinc.org](http://www.openingdoorsinc.org)

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

International Rescue Committee  
1210 South Bascom Ave.  
Ste. 227  
San Jose, CA 95128  
Phone: 408-277-0255  
[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley  
14855 Oka Road, Ste 202  
Los Gatos, CA 95032  
Phone: 408-556-0600  
<https://www.jfssv.org/>

# **List of Documents to Take With You When You Apply For Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and/or MediCal**

**Asylees may receive certain public assistance benefits from the date their asylum application is approved.**

**Proposed public charge changes do NOT affect asylees.**

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 income and 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**

- ▶ Asylum Approval Letter from USCIS and I-94
- ▶ Court Order from Immigration Court

## **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)
- ▶ If you get paid in cash, the eligibility worker will provide a self-declaration form

## **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 (even if the bill is not under your name)