

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM

if you live in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties:

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Congratulations! With asylum status, you have access to new opportunities programs, and benefits. Some have time limits so you should apply right away. Here are some important next steps:

*****The Public Charge rule does not affect asylee applications for permanent residence or citizenship!*****


<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/immigration-services>

- 1. Apply for an Unrestricted Social Security Number-** An *unrestricted* social security card proves that you can work in the U.S. and allows you to apply for programs and benefits. Call for an in-person appointment: 1-800-772-1213 for a new or an unrestricted social security number. Inform the office that you need a Social Security card to apply for medical insurance. This will allow you to have an in-person appointment. Bring your I-94 with asylum date; OR an original order of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Judge) granting asylum; AND your photo Identification. **Keep a receipt of your application.** SSA Office Locator www.ssa.gov

- 2. Apply for Medi-Cal (Health Insurance), CalFresh (Food Assistance) and/or CalWORKS (Cash & Employment Assistance).** Once you have applied for a Social Security Number you may apply for these programs all at once online at www.mybenefitscalwin.org OR apply by phone at the numbers listed below. **After you apply** You will receive a Notice of Action (NOA) or a Request for Information within 30-45 days. The Notice of Action will inform you of your benefits. If more information is needed you will receive a Request for Information. Respond quickly to avoid delays. To speak with someone or follow up you can also call the Human Services Agency Office for your county:
 - San Francisco county: 415-558-4700
 - San Mateo county: 1-800-223-8383 HSAQuestions@smcgov.org
 - Marin county: 877-410-8817

- 3. Schedule a Health Assessment with Newcomers Health Program to ensure you have good health and wellness.** Medi-Cal covers this special health assessment available to new asylees, which includes many labs and vaccines required for your Green Card/adjustment of status to lawful permanent resident application. Contact Newcomers Health Program by phone, email, text, or this form code to schedule your health assessment appointment:

Voice Phone: (628) 206-8608
Voice or Text (628) 225-2375
Email address: Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org
Appointment referral form: <https://tinyurl.com/SF-Ref-Health>



- 4. Obtain a California State ID (Identification) Card –** Once you have a Social Security Card you can apply for your California State ID card at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) near your home. Bring your social security card and ID with name and date of birth and 2 proofs that you live in California, such as a phone bill or official mail with your California address. Be prepared to pay required fees.

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Have These Items Prepared When You Apply for Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and/or Medi-Cal

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People with Asylum Status may receive certain public assistance programs and benefits from the date their asylum application is approved. Some programs are time sensitive and time limited.

You will be informed of what documents you need to provide for your application. The documents will be used to determine if you qualify and the amount of benefits 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 upload to your application. using your mobile phone or computer after creating an individual account on www.mybenefitscalwin.org

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

- ▶ Recent bank statements for all accounts. Provide a self-declaration if you do not have a bank account.
- ▶ Vehicle registration papers (if you own a car)

Proof of Income

- ▶ Pay stubs (most recent, especially 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 verifying your address and housing cost
- ▶ Utility bill (even if the bill is not under your name)