

Information Leaflet

Refugee Applying for Family Reunification (FR)

Persons who have been granted Refugee statuses in the State please note the following:

- (1) Applications for Family Reunification where the family member is residing **outside** the State.

A Visa application form **must** be completed. Visa application forms are available from and should be returned to **Dept. of Foreign Affairs, Visa Office, Ground Floor, 13/14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2**. An applicant (or their nominated representative) can complete the form on behalf of her/his family member, or if he/she wishes, her/his family member can go to the nearest Irish Embassy and complete the necessary application forms. It is important to specify that the visa is for **Family Reunification** when returning it to the Embassy/Foreign Affairs.

- (2) Applications for Family Reunification where spouses/family members are **presently** in the State.

Applications for FR when the Spouse/Family member is in the state should be directed to the **Family Reunification Section, Immigration Division Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, 13/14 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2 only**.

When making an application under either section 1 or 2 as outlined above it is in your best interest to provide all original documentation at the earliest opportunity.
Documents required may include:

Birth certificate/passport/national ID card for each dependant.

Evidence of marriage if applying on behalf of a spouse.

Evidence of dependency, if applying for persons other than spouse/children under 18 years of age and unmarried i.e., financial dependency - money transfer receipts, physical dependency - medical reports etc..

Parental authorisation from the natural parents of minor children granting permission for them to travel to and reside in the State (i.e., where the other natural parent(s) remains in the country of origin).

Evidence of cohabitation, where applicants are applying for permission for family members to remain in the State i.e., utility bills, rent book, lease agreement etc..

All applications are investigated individually, in some instances additional information / documentation may be required. The list above is not an exhaustive list of required documentation.