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The BOC is a very important form that you must fill out and which will be used as evidence during the review of your asylum claim.

- The BOC form is where you give information about yourself, and explain why you are afraid to go back to your home country.
- It is important to tell the truth.
- You should get legal help to fill it out.

## WHEN DO I COMPLETE THE BOC FORM?

**IF YOU CLAIM ASYLUM AT A PORT OF ENTRY (BORDER, AIRPORT, OR SEAPORT):**



- You have 15 days to give the completed BOC to the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB).
- In Quebec, the timeline requirements are different. More details available on the website of the IRB:  
[www.irb-clsr.gc.ca/Eng/res/form/Pages/RpdSpr0201.aspx](http://www.irb-clsr.gc.ca/Eng/res/form/Pages/RpdSpr0201.aspx)



**IF YOU ARE ALREADY IN CANADA:**

- You must complete the BOC form with 4 other asylum claim forms and give them to the Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) office when you make your claim.

## WHAT LANGUAGE CAN I USE?

English or French.

If an interpreter helps you complete the form, they must also sign it.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT COMPLETE THE BOC ON TIME?



Your case can be closed. Go to your abandonment hearing and explain why you missed the deadline.

## DO CHILDREN NEED TO COMPLETE A BOC FORM?

All the members of your family who are claiming refugee protection must provide their own BOC Form.



- **6 years old or younger:**  
only need to complete part 1 of the BOC form (who you are).



- **Older than 6 years old or children without an adult:**  
Answer all questions.