

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM ASYLUM IN CANADA?

A Canadian official will decide if you are allowed to claim asylum in Canada through an eligibility examination.



YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM ASYLUM IN CANADA IF YOU:

- Already have a refugee status in another country that you can return to.
- Made a previous claim in Canada and your claim was rejected, abandoned, withdrawn or found ineligible.
- Make your claim at an official border post (unless an exception applies, such as having a family member in Canada. Read our document: ["Who can claim asylum at the border?"](#)).
- Have crossed the border irregularly after having first been refused at an official border post.
- Are not allowed in Canada on security grounds, because a serious criminal activity or for having committed human rights violations.



IF YOU ARE FOUND ELIGIBLE:

- Your case will be sent to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada (IRB).
- The IRB will evaluate your fear of persecution in your home country through a hearing and decide whether your asylum claim is accepted (read our document: ["Who can get refugee protection in Canada?"](#)).



IF YOU ARE FOUND NOT ELIGIBLE:

- At an official land border post, you will not be allowed into Canada.
- Inside Canada or at the airport, you will be asked to leave unless Canada has suspended removals to your country.
- Before you leave, you can ask for a pre-removal risk assessment (PRRA).*

*An immigration officer will review your written application and assess, prior to your removal, whether you are at risk in your country. If your application is approved, you will be able to stay in Canada.