

KEY TERMINOLOGY GLOSSARY

- **Asylum seeker:** A person who has left their country of origin, who has applied for recognition as a refugee in another country and is awaiting a decision on their asylum claim
- **Refugee:** A person who, following their claim for asylum in the UK, has met the criteria laid out in the 1951 Refugee Convention and been granted Refugee Status.
- **SU:** Service User
- **Economic Migrant:** A person who moves from one place to another, especially to find work or better living conditions.
- **Refused Asylum Seeker:** A person whose claim for asylum has been assessed and refused and no longer has an outstanding asylum case.
- **Consent:** Authorisation/ permission granted to Migrant Help to share their (service user's) personal information with other organisation/s for example for the purpose of completing ASF1, dealing with Social Services, Accommodation provider etc.
- **Move On:** Move On advice refers to service users that have been granted Leave to Remain in the UK and require advice as to how to access mainstream benefits and make a smooth transition from seeking asylum to being granted refugee status.
- **Declaration:** Terms and conditions set by the Home Office required to be agreed by the service user, to have their ASF1 (application for S95 support) submitted to the Home Office for their consideration. This also sets the service user's rights under the Data Protection Act 2018 and makes it clear to the service user as to how their personal data can be used by the Home Office. For the service user to have their application for asylum support considered, signing the Declaration/ or agreeing to it (if over the telephone) service users confirms that he/she agrees to the use of the data he/she provided in his/ her application in accordance with the Home Office Charter.
- **Income bonds:** a bond that pays interest at a rate based on the issuer's earnings
- **Section 98:** The Secretary of State may provide, or arrange for the provision of, support for— asylum-seekers, or dependants of asylum-seekers, who it appears to the Secretary of State may be destitute. Support may be provided under this section only until it is determined if support may be provided under section 95.
- **Section 95:** The Home Office can provide housing and financial support to a person who has claimed asylum if they do not have accommodation and/ or cannot afford to meet their essential living needs. This support is provided under section 95 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and will continue until the person's asylum claim is finally determined by the Home Office or appeal courts.
- **Section 4:** The Home Office can provide housing and financial support to a person who becomes appeal rights exhausted (ARE) when their asylum claim is unsuccessful if they do not have accommodation and/ or cannot afford to meet their essential living needs. This support is provided under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- **Aspen Card:** a debit payment card given to UK asylum seekers by the Home Office. The Aspen Card provides basic subsistence support.
- **ARC :** application registration card (ARC). The ARC is a credit card-sized plastic card issued by the Home Office to individuals who claim asylum. It contains information about the holder's identity or claimed identity
- **ASF 1:** Form for destitute asylum applicants and failed asylum seekers to apply for support.
- **IA:** Initial Accommodation. These centers are the usual first accommodation for any asylum seeker who asks for support and is not immediately detained, apart from unaccompanied children.
- **Modern Slavery:** umbrella term that covers the offences of human trafficking and slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour.
- **Smuggling:** Smuggling refers to the act of bringing people into a country or across a border illegally, sometimes through deception and coercion.

- Trafficking: the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control of another person, for the purpose of exploitation. Exploitation shall include, at a minimum, the exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices like slavery, servitude or removal of organs."
- Torture: "Torture is when somebody in an official capacity inflicts severe mental or physical pain or suffering on somebody else for a specific purpose." – Amnesty International
- Destitution: A Service User is deemed destitute if they or any dependant do not have adequate accommodation or any means of obtaining it, even if other essential living needs are met, or they and their dependants do have adequate accommodation or the means of obtaining it but cannot meet their essential living needs.
- **National Saving Certificates:** National savings and investment is **a government backed form of savings account**, meaning that they offer a secure way to store your money away. They benefit from having no limit to the amount that the government will protect, in contrast to normal bank's savings accounts.
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For more information on basic processes and language regarding eligibility: [Asylum advice and guidance | Migrant Help \(migranthelpuk.org\)](#)