



DEPARTMENT: HOME AFFAIRS
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

[IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 (c) OF THE REFUGEES ACT, 1998, ACT 130 OF 1998]

REQUIRED FOR AN APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

[IN TERMS OF SECTION 27 (d) OF THE IMMIGRATION ACT, 2003, ACT 13 OF 2002]

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED EXPLANATORY NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION.

1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

SURNAME	
NAMES IN FULL	
DATE OF BIRTH	GENDER
PERMANENT ADDRESS	
	POSTAL CODE
TELEPHONE NUMBER (CODE)	
FACSIMILE NUMBER (CODE)	

2. RECOGNITION OF REFUGEE DETAILS

Date of recognition as a refugee (attach copy of letter of recognition and permit issued in terms of section 24 of the Refugees Act)

Recognised by the Refugee Reception Office

Reference number on letter of recognition

Employed/studying at

Address of employer/educational institution.....

As a (description of employment)

3. DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, the above-named person, hereby apply to the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs for certification in terms of section 27 (c) of the Refugees Act that I will remain a refugee indefinitely to enable me to apply for permanent residence in terms of section 27 (d) of the Immigration Act.

The reasons that I will remain a refugee indefinitely and will not be able to return to my country of origin are:

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(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Also attach any information or reports or supporting documents that the Standing Committee should take into consideration.

Please forward the response to my application to:

My postal address

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..... Postal code.....

OR The following Refugee Reception Office

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Signature of applicant

Name in full

Signed at this..... day of..... 20.....

EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR REFUGEES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE

1. A refugee may apply for permanent residence five years after being recognized as a refugee. [Section 27 (c) of the Refugees Act.]
2. Before lodging an application for permanent residence, the refugee must apply to the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs for certification that he or she will remain a refugee indefinitely (for the foreseeable future).
3. Once certification mentioned in 2 above has been granted, the applicant may lodge an application for permanent residence with the Department of Home Affairs. The certification must be submitted together with the application for permanent residence.
4. The application mentioned in 2 above must be made on form BI-1754 that is obtainable from the Department of Home Affairs. The form must be fully completed and handed to the Department.
5. The Standing Committee can only grant certification if it is apparent that the applicant will remain a refugee indefinitely. The Standing Committee can only consider this aspect and not the reasons why the applicant wants permanent residence. The Committee has to determine whether or not the refugee will be able to return to his or her country in safety and with dignity in the foreseeable future.
6. In completing the application form the applicant must set out the reasons why he or she will not be able to return to his or her country in the foreseeable future, i.e. what is expected to happen on return. The Standing Committee cannot take the reasons why the applicant wishes to remain in South Africa into account. The reasons why the applicant wishes to remain in South Africa will be taken into account by the Department when considering the application for permanent residence.