

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal

Applicant: Shwe Chi Zar Win

Submission Date: 2024-05-03T00:41:50UTC

Do you also want to apply for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture?: Yes
Part A.I. Information About You
1. Alien Registration Number(s) (A-Number) (if any): 2. U.S. Social Security Number (if any): 3. USCIS Online Account Number (if any):
4. Complete Last Name: Win 5. First Name: Shwe Chi Zar 6. Middle Name:
7. What other names have you used (include maiden name and aliases)?
8. Residence in the U.S. (where you physically reside) Street Number and Name: 707 SW HIGGINS AVE APT 120 Apt. Number: City: MISSOULA State: MT ZIP Code: 59803-1434 Telephone Number: 929-549-5953
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8) In Care of (if applicable): Ye Yint Myint Mo Telephone Number: 646-698-2775 Street Number and Name: 6034 BOOTH ST Apt. Number: City: ELMHURST State: NY ZIP Code: 11373-5526
10. Gender (Male, Female): Female 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 03-29-1981 13. City and Country of Birth: City: Yangon Country: MMR 14. Present Nationality (Citizenship): MMR 15. Nationality at Birth: MMR 16. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burmese 17. Religion: Buddhism
18.a. I have never been in Immigration Court proceedings.: Yes 18.b. I am now in Immigration Court proceedings: 18.c. I am not now in Immigration Court proceedings, but I have been in the past:

19.a. When did you last leave your country? (mm/dd/yyyy): 03-19-2024

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 816110406A3

19.c. List each entry into the U.S. beginning with your most recent entry. List date (mm/dd/yyyy), place, and your status for each entry. (Attach additional sheets as needed.)

Most Recent Entry Record:

Date of Entry: 03-20-2024

Place of Entry: NYC

Other Place of Entry:

Status: B2

Date Status Expires: 09-19-2024

Previous Entry Record(s):

20. What country issued your last passport or travel document?: MMR

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MG350287

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 08-24-2027

23. What is your native language (include dialect, if applicable)?: BUR

24. Are you fluent in English?: Yes

25. What other languages do you speak fluently?

Part A.II. Information About Your Spouse and Children

Your spouse

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any):

2. Passport/ID Card Number (if any):

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):

4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):

5. Complete Last Name:

6. First Name:

7. Middle Name:

8. Other names used (include maiden name and aliases)

9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy):

10. Place of Marriage:

11. City and Country of Birth:

City:

Country:

12. Nationality (Citizenship):

13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group:

14. Gender (Male,Female):

15. Is this person in the U.S.? "Yes " (Complete Blocks 16 to 24). "No" (Specify location) :

Spouse Location:

16. Place of last entry into the U.S.:

Other Place of Last Entry:

17. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy):

18. I-94 Number (if any):

19. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any):

20. What is your spouse's current status?:

21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy):

22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings?:
23. If previously in the U.S., date of previous arrival (mm/dd/yyyy):
24. If in the U.S., is your spouse to be included in this application?:

Your Children. List all of your children, regardless of age, location, or marital status.

I have children: No

Total number of children:

Part A.III. Information About Your Background

1. List your last address where you lived before coming to the United States. If this is not the country where you fear persecution, also list the last address in the country where you fear persecution. (List Address, City/Town, Department, Province, or State and Country.)

Number and Street, Line 1 (Provide if Available): 33 B4 Maezigone Street

Number and Street, Line 2 (Provide if Available): Hlaing Township

City/Town: Yangon

Department, Province, or State:

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11051

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 06

Dates: From (Year): 2018

Dates: To (Month): 02

Dates: To (Year): 2024

2. Provide the following information about your residences during the past 5 years. List your present address first.

Number and Street, Line 1: 707 SW Higgin Ave Apt 120

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Missoula

Department or Province:

State: MT

Postal Code:

ZIP Code: 59803-1434

Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 03

Dates:From(Year): 2024

Dates:To(Month):

Dates:To(Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: 33 B4 Maezigone Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Hlaing Township

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11051

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2018

Dates:To(Month): 02

Dates:To(Year): 2024

3. Provide the following information about your education, beginning with the most recent school that you attended.

Name of School: Dagon University

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Min Ye' Kyawswar Street, 52 Quarter

Apt. No.: East Dagon Township

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11451

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 12

Dates:From(Year): 2000

Dates:To(Month): 11

Dates:To(Year): 2004

Name of School: Basic Education High School 2 Hlaing

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: U Cho Street, Hlaing Township

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11051

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 1992

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 1998

Name of School: BEPS 9 Hlaing

Type of School: Primary School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 52 Street Hlaing Township

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11051

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 1986

Dates:To(Month): 02

Dates:To(Year): 1992

Name of School: British Council Yangon

Type of School: Diploma

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 78 Kanna Road, Kyauktada Township

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11182

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 11

Dates:From(Year): 2009

Dates:To(Month): 11

Dates:To(Year): 2010

4. Provide the following information about your employment during the past 5 years. List your present employment first.

Name and Address of Employer: Ngapali Garment House

Street Name and Number: Tharyar Gone Ward, Banyardala Road

Apt. No.: Minglar Taung Nyun Township

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11221

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Shop Owner

Dates:From(Month): 09

Dates:From(Year): 2013

Dates:To(Month): 02

Dates:To(Year): 2024

5. Provide the following information about your parents and siblings (brothers and sisters). Check the box if the person is deceased.

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Father

First Name: Aye

Last Name: Shwe

Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Bago

Country of Birth: MMR

Current Location:

Deceased: Yes

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother

First Name: Khin

Last Name: Win

<p>Middle Name:</p> <p>City/Town of Birth: Yangon</p> <p>Country of Birth: MMR</p> <p>Current Location: Hlaing</p> <p>Deceased:</p>
<p>Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling</p> <p>First Name: Pyae Phyo Wai</p> <p>Last Name: Win</p> <p>Middle Name:</p> <p>City/Town of Birth: Yangon</p> <p>Country of Birth: MMR</p> <p>Current Location: Yangon</p> <p>Deceased:</p>
<p>Part B. Information About Your Application</p>
<p>When answering the following questions about your asylum or other protection claim (withholding of removal under 241(b)(3) of the INA or withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture), you must provide a detailed and specific account of the basis of your claim to asylum or other protection. To the best of your ability, provide specific dates, places, and descriptions about each event or action described. You must attach documents evidencing the general conditions in the country from which you are seeking asylum or other protection and the specific facts on which you are relying to support your claim. If this documentation is unavailable or you are not providing this documentation with your application, explain why in your responses to the following questions.</p> <p>:</p>
<p>1. Why are you applying for asylum or withholding of removal under section 241(b)(3) of the INA, or for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture? I am seeking asylum or withholding of removal based on:</p>
<p>Race: Yes</p> <p>Religion: Yes</p> <p>Nationality: Yes</p> <p>Political Opinion: Yes</p> <p>Membership in a particular social group: Yes</p> <p>Torture Convention: Yes</p>
<p>A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?:</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>If "Yes," explain in detail: 1. What happened; 2. When the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred; 3. Who caused the harm or mistreatment or threats; and 4. Why you believe the harm or mistreatment or threats occurred.: I have experienced significant harm and mistreatment due to my political activism in Myanmar. In May 2021 and again in April 2023, I was arrested and detained by the military authorities who targeted me for my involvement in the pro-democracy movement and my support for the Civil Disobedience Movement. During these detentions, I was interrogated, physically assaulted, and threatened with further violence and death. These incidents occurred because of my vocal opposition to the military's illegal seizure of power and my active participation in efforts to restore democratic governance in Myanmar. The military's actions were part of a broader strategy to suppress dissent and stifle any threats to their authoritarian rule.</p>
<p>B. Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?: Yes</p> <p>If "Yes," explain in detail: 1. What harm or mistreatment you fear; 2. Who you believe would harm or mistreat you; and 3. Why you believe you would or could be harmed or mistreated.: I fear significant harm and mistreatment if I return to Myanmar. The harm I fear includes arrest, torture, and possible death at the hands of the military authorities. These fears stem from my past experiences of detention and abuse by the military due to my involvement in the pro-democracy movement and the Civil Disobedience Movement. Given my history of activism and the ongoing crackdown on dissent, I believe I would be specifically targeted by the military government. They have demonstrated a consistent pattern of persecuting those who oppose their rule, and my previous arrests and the violent suppression of democratic advocates in Myanmar substantiate this fear.</p>

2. Have you or your family members ever been accused, charged, arrested, detained, interrogated, convicted and sentenced, or imprisoned in any country other than the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: Yes

If "Yes," explain the circumstances and reasons for the action: I have been arrested, detained, and interrogated in Myanmar. Specifically, I was arrested twice by the military authorities, once in May 2021 and again in April 2023. The circumstances of these arrests were directly linked to my involvement in the pro-democracy movement and my public opposition to the military dictatorship. During both detentions, I was interrogated about my activities and connections within the movement. The reasons for these actions were to suppress my advocacy for democracy, intimidate me into ceasing my political activities, and deter others from participating in similar movements. These incidents did not result in formal charges or convictions, as they were carried out extrajudicially by the military regime without due process.

3.A. Have you or your family members ever belonged to or been associated with any organizations or groups in your home country, such as, but not limited to, a political party, student group, labor union, religious organization, military or paramilitary group, civil patrol, guerrilla organization, ethnic group, human rights group, or the press or media?: No

If "Yes," describe for each person the level of participation, any leadership or other positions held, and the length of time you or your family members were involved in each organization or activity.:

3.B. Do you or your family members continue to participate in any way in these organizations or groups?:

If "Yes," describe for each person your or your family members' current level of participation, any leadership or other positions currently held, and the length of time you or your family members have been involved in each organization or group.:

4. Are you afraid of being subjected to torture in your home country or any other country to which you may be returned?: Yes

If "Yes," explain why you are afraid and describe the nature of torture you fear, by whom, and why it would be inflicted.: I am afraid of being subjected to torture in Myanmar. My fear of torture is based on past experiences where I was detained and physically assaulted by military authorities. The nature of the torture I fear includes severe physical abuse, as previously experienced during my arrests in May 2021 and April 2023, where I was interrogated under duress, beaten, and threatened with death. This torture would likely be inflicted by the military government, as they have consistently targeted activists like me who have been involved in pro-democracy movements. The motivation for such torture is to suppress opposition, extract information about other activists, and intimidate the broader community into submission to their authoritarian rule.

Part C. Additional Information About Your Application

1. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents or your siblings ever applied to the U.S. Government for refugee status, asylum, or withholding of removal?: No

If "Yes," explain the decision and what happened to any status you, your spouse, your child(ren), your parents, or your siblings received as a result of that decision. Indicate whether or not you were included in a parent or spouse's application. If so, include your parent or spouse's A-number in your response. If you were previously denied asylum by USCIS, an immigration judge, or the Board of Immigration Appeals, describe any change(s) in conditions in your country or your own personal circumstances since the date of the denial that may affect your eligibility for asylum.:

2.A. After leaving the country from which you are claiming asylum, did you or your spouse or child(ren) who are now in the United States travel through or reside in any other country before entering the United States?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

2.B. Have you, your spouse, your child(ren), or other family members, such as your parents or siblings, ever applied for or received any lawful status in any country other than the one from which you are now claiming asylum?: No

If "Yes," , provide for each person the following: the name of each country and the length of stay, the person's status while there, the reasons for leaving, whether or not the person is entitled to return for lawful residence purposes, and whether the person applied for refugee status or for asylum while there, and if not, why he or she did not do so:

3. Have you, your spouse or your child(ren) ever ordered, incited, assisted or otherwise participated in causing harm or suffering to any person because of his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or belief in a particular political opinion?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail each such incident and your own, your spouse's, or your child(ren)'s involvement.:

4. After you left the country where you were harmed or fear harm, did you return to that country?: No

If "Yes," describe in detail the circumstances of your visit(s) (for example, the date(s) of the trip(s), the purpose(s) of the trip(s), and the length of time you remained in that country for the visit(s).):

5. Are you filing this application more than 1 year after your last arrival in the United States?: No

If "Yes," explain why you did not file within the first year after you arrived. You must be prepared to explain at your interview or hearing why you did not file your asylum application within the first year after you arrived. For guidance in answering this question, see Instructions, Part 1: Filing Instructions, Section V. "Completing the Form," Part C.:

6. Have you or any member of your family included in the application ever committed any crime and/or been arrested, charged, convicted, or sentenced for any crimes in the United States (including for an immigration law violation)?: No

If "Yes," for each instance, specify in your response: what occurred and the circumstances, dates, length of sentence received, location, the duration of the detention or imprisonment, reason(s) for the detention or conviction, any formal charges that were lodged against you or your relatives included in your application, and the reason(s) for release. If you have been arrested in the United States, you must submit a certified copy of all arrest reports, court dispositions, sentencing documents, and any other relevant documents.:

Part D. Your Signature

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that this application and the evidence submitted with it are all true and correct. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1546(a), provides in part: Whoever knowingly makes under oath, or as permitted under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28, United States Code, knowingly subscribes as true, any false statement with respect to a material fact in any application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws or regulations prescribed thereunder, or knowingly presents any such application, affidavit, or other document containing any such false statement or which fails to contain any reasonable basis in law or fact - shall be fined in accordance with this title or imprisoned for up to 25 years. I authorize the release of any information from my immigration record that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) needs to determine eligibility for the benefit I am seeking.

WARNING: Applicants who are in the United States unlawfully are subject to removal if their asylum or withholding claims are not granted by an asylum officer or an immigration judge. Any information provided in completing this application may be used as a basis for the institution of, or as evidence in, removal proceedings even if the application is later withdrawn. Applicants determined to have knowingly made a frivolous application for asylum will be permanently ineligible for any benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act. You may not avoid a frivolous finding simply because someone advised you to provide false information in your asylum application. If filing with USCIS, unexcused failure to appear for an appointment to provide biometrics (such as fingerprints) and your biographical information within the time allowed may result in an asylum officer dismissing your asylum application or referring it to an immigration judge. Failure without good cause to provide DHS with biometrics or other biographical information while in removal proceedings may result in your application being found abandoned by the immigration judge. See sections 208(d)(5) (A) and 208(d)(6) of the INA and 8 CFR sections 208.10, 1208.10, 208.20, 1003.47(d) and 1208.20.

Print your complete name: Shwe Chi Zar Win

Write your name in your native alphabet:

Did your spouse, parent, or child(ren) assist you in completing this application?: No

If "Yes," list the name and relationship.

Did someone other than your spouse, parent, or child(ren) prepare this application? (If "Yes," complete Part E.): Yes

Asylum applicants may be represented by counsel. Have you been provided with a list of persons who may be available to assist you, at little or no cost, with your asylum claim?: No

Signature Email Address: shwechizarwin.usird@gmail.com

Signature Date: 05-03-2024

Electronic Filing Record

Part E. Declaration of Person Preparing Form, if Other Than Applicant, Spouse, Parent, or Child

I declare that I have prepared this application at the request of the person named in Part D, that the responses provided are based on all information of which I have knowledge, or which was provided to me by the applicant, and that the completed application was read to the applicant in his or her native language or a language he or she understands for verification before he or she signed the application in my presence. I am aware that the knowing placement of false information on the Form I-589 may also subject me to civil penalties under 8 U.S.C. 1324c and/or criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. 1546(a).

Signature Of Preparer:**Date:****Complete Name of Preparer:****First Name:** Ye Yint Myint**Last Name:** Mo**Daytime Telephone Number:** 646-698-2775**Address of Preparer****Street Number and Name:** 6034 Booth Street**Apt. Number:****City:** Elmhurst**State:** NY**ZIP Code:** 11373**Province:****Postal Code:****Country:****Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable):****Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any):****Evidence****Original File Name:** Cover Letter_ Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf**Category:** Cover Letter**Original File Name:** Statement_ Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf**Category:** Written Statements**Original File Name:** 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** 2021 Military Coup News Article.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** 2021 Protest Civil Movement.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** BURMA Act 2021 Congress Paper.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** Section 505 A News Article.pdf**Category:** News Article**Original File Name:** UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf**Category:** News Article

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Original File Name: B Sc Certificate002.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
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Original File Name: LCCI Lv3 Diploma_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate Notary_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Matriculation Transcript Original_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: NRC (Back)_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
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Original File Name: Passport_Shwe Chi Zar Win.jpg Category: Passport
Original File Name: University Certificate_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Visa_Shwe Chi Zar Win.jpeg Category: Visa
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Notary_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Birth Certificate original_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family Member List Notary_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Family Member list Original_Shwe Chi Zar Win.pdf Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf Category: News Article
Original File Name: 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf Category: News Article
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Original File Name: Preparer Signed Document.pdf Category: Preparer Signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum