

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

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

Applicant: Ei Cho Maung

Submission Date: 2024-05-07T20:30:30UTC

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: Maung 5. First Name: Ei Cho 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: 1631 HITTELL PL Apt. Number: City: SAN JOSE State: CA ZIP Code: 95131-4026 Telephone Number: 669-225-7299
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8) In Care of (if applicable): Telephone Number: 669-225-7299 Street Number and Name: 1631 HITTELL PL Apt. Number: City: SAN JOSE State: CA ZIP Code: 95131-4026
10. Gender (Male, Female): Female 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): divorced 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 08-14-1978 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): 03-28-2024

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 832844578A3

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: 03-29-2024

Place of Entry: SFR

Other Place of Entry:

Status: B2

Date Status Expires: 09-28-2024

Previous Entry Record(s):

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

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MF390223

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 10-20-2026

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: Yes

Total number of children: 1

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any):
2. Passport/ID Card Number (if any):
3. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single
4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):
5. Complete Last Name: Oo
6. First Name: Thuta
7. Middle Name:
8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 10-18-2014
9. City and Country of Birth:
City: Yangon
Country: MMR
10. Nationality (Citizenship): MMR
11. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burmese
12. Gender (Male, Female): Male
13. Is this child in the U.S.?: Yes
Child Location:
14. Place of last entry into the U.S.: SFR
Other Place of Last Entry:
15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy): 03-29-2024
16. I-94 Number (If any): 832845173A3
17. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any): B2
18. What is your child's current status?: B2
19. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy): 09-28-2024
20. Is your child in Immigration Court proceedings?: No
21. If in the U.S., is this child to be included in this application?: Yes

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): 48, Daw Thein Tin Street

Number and Street, Line 2 (Provide if Available): Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township

City/Town: Yangon

Department, Province, or State:

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11221

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): unknown

Dates: From (Year): 1985

Dates: To (Month): 03

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: 1631 HITTELL PL

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: SAN JOSE

Department or Province:

State: CA

Postal Code:

ZIP Code: 95131-4026

Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 03

Dates:From(Year): 2024

Dates:To(Month):

Dates:To(Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: 48, Daw Thein Tin Street

Number and Street, Line 2: Mingalar Taung Nyunt Township

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11221

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 1985

Dates:To(Month): 03

Dates:To(Year): 2024

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

Name of School: Singapore Accountancy Academy

Type of School: Diploma

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 6 Raffles Quay

Apt. No.:

City: Singapore

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 048580

Country: SGP

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 2005

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 2006

Name of School: Dagon University

Type of School: University

Location (Address):**Street Name and Number:** Taw Win Street,**Apt. No.:** North Dagon Township**City:** Yangon**State:****ZIP Code:****Province:****Postal Code:** 11421**Country:** MMR**Dates:From(Month):** unknown**Dates:From(Year):** 1998**Dates:To(Month):** unknown**Dates:To(Year):** 2002**Name of School:** BEHS 1 Dagon**Type of School:** High School**Location (Address):****Street Name and Number:** 57 Alan Pya Pagoda St**Apt. No.:****City:** Yangon**State:****ZIP Code:****Province:****Postal Code:** 11191**Country:** MMR**Dates:From(Month):** unknown**Dates:From(Year):** 1987**Dates:To(Month):** unknown**Dates:To(Year):** 1996**Name of School:** BEPS 5 Dagon-Bishop Home**Type of School:** Primary School**Location (Address):****Street Name and Number:** Pyay Road**Apt. No.:****City:** Yangon**State:****ZIP Code:****Province:****Postal Code:** 11191**Country:** MMR**Dates:From(Month):** unknown**Dates:From(Year):** 1982**Dates:To(Month):** unknown**Dates:To(Year):** 1987**4. Provide the following information about your employment during the past 5 years. List your present employment first.****5. Provide the following information about your parents and siblings (brothers and sisters). Check the box if the person is deceased.**

<p>Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Father</p> <p>First Name: Tun</p> <p>Last Name: Shwe</p> <p>Middle Name:</p> <p>City/Town of Birth: Myiek</p> <p>Country of Birth: MMR</p> <p>Current Location:</p> <p>Deceased: Yes</p>
<p>Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother</p> <p>First Name: Kay Thi</p> <p>Last Name: Aye</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>Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling</p> <p>First Name: May Mon</p> <p>Last Name: Aung</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 harm and mistreatment, as have my close friends and colleagues, primarily due to our political beliefs and activities opposing the military regime in Myanmar. The most significant incident occurred shortly after the military coup in February 2021, when I was actively involved in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). My home was raided by military forces under the pretense of checking for</p>

unlawful gatherings. During this raid, which took place in early March 2021, I was forcibly detained and subjected to intensive interrogation at the township government office. The soldiers accused me of participating in anti-regime protests and supporting the CDM financially. The harm and threats were explicitly due to my and my colleagues' visible opposition to the military's authoritarian rule, aimed at suppressing any dissent and silencing pro-democracy advocates like myself. My colleagues who shared similar political engagements were also targeted, some even arrested, with their bank transactions monitored and used as evidence against them by the regime. This pattern of harassment and intimidation has been a common tactic used by the military to instill fear among those who oppose them and to dismantle any organized resistance to their authority.

B. Do you fear harm or mistreatment if you return to your home country?: Yes

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 have a profound fear of harm and mistreatment if I return to my home country, Myanmar. The primary harm I fear includes arrest, detention, torture, and possibly extrajudicial killing. These fears are based on my past experiences and the general treatment of political dissidents by the current military regime. The military government, which regained power in the February 2021 coup, is the entity I believe would harm or mistreat me. My involvement in political activities, particularly my active participation in the Civil Disobedience Movement and financial support to those opposing the regime, has made me a target. This is further compounded by the military's well-documented history of harshly repressing any form of dissent. The regime has consistently demonstrated its capacity and willingness to employ violence against its critics, using arrests and torture as tools to silence and intimidate. The risk of being persecuted upon return is not only possible but highly likely, given the military's ongoing efforts to consolidate power by eliminating opposition.

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 my home country, Myanmar. The incident occurred in early 2021, following the military coup that led to the reinstatement of military rule. I was targeted specifically for my involvement in the Civil Disobedience Movement and for my active participation in pro-democracy protests. One evening, military personnel forcefully entered my home under the pretext of checking for unlawful gatherings. I was then taken to a local government office where I underwent an intense interrogation regarding my political activities and affiliations. The purpose of this action was to intimidate and punish me for my opposition to the military regime, as well as to deter others from participating in similar activities that threaten the stability of the junta's power. This experience underscored the regime's willingness to use arrest and detention as tools of political repression, aimed at silencing dissent and maintaining control over the population.

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 deeply afraid of being subjected to torture if returned to my home country, Myanmar. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical abuse, psychological torment, and potentially life-threatening methods often employed by the military regime to extract information and intimidate those who oppose their rule. Based on the past actions of the military, known for their brutal crackdowns on dissent and the use of torture as a common practice against political dissidents, my fear is substantiated. These acts are typically carried out by the police and military personnel under the orders of the ruling junta, aimed at suppressing political opposition and silencing any voices advocating for democracy and human rights. The reason for this potential torture

would be to punish me for my previous involvement in pro-democracy activities, particularly the Civil Disobedience Movement, and to deter others from similar opposition. The military's systematic approach to dealing with dissent through such harsh measures has been well-documented, increasing my fear of severe mistreatment if I were to return.

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: Ei Cho Maung

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: eichomaung.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 05-07-2024

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_ Ei Cho Maung.pdf Category: Cover Letter
Original File Name: Statement_ Ei Cho Maung.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
Original File Name: I94.jpg Category: I-94
Original File Name: NRC Notary.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: NRC Original.pdf Category: Foreign Identification Documents
Original File Name: Passport.jpg Category: Passport
Original File Name: visa.jpg Category: Visa
Original File Name: Matriculation Certificate.pdf Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Certificate in Human Resources Management.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Degree Notary.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: University Degree Original.jpeg Category: Other Education Documents
Original File Name: Birht Certificate Notary.pdf Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Original.jpeg Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: Family member list notary.jpg

Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Family Member List Original.pdf Category: Other Supporting Documents
Original File Name: Divorce Letter.jpg Category: Divorce Certificate
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Original.jpeg Category: Birth Records
Original File Name: I94.jpg Category: I-94
Original File Name: Passport.jpg Category: Passport
Original File Name: Visa.jpg Category: Visa
Original File Name: Birth Certificate Notary-Thuta Oo.jpg Category: Birth Records
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
Original File Name: Preparer Signature.jpg Category: Preparer Signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum