

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

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

Applicant: Nu Wah Thein

Submission Date: 2024-04-30T18:55:06UTC

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: Thein 5. First Name: Nu Wah 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: 3618 FLATLANDS AVE Apt. Number: City: BROOKLYN State: NY ZIP Code: 11234-3431 Telephone Number: 929-444-5679
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8) In Care of (if applicable): 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): 08-25-1979 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-Chinese 17. Religion: Christian
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): 02-14-2024

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 769052910A3

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: 02-15-2024

Place of Entry: NYC

Other Place of Entry:

Status: B2

Date Status Expires: 08-14-2024

Previous Entry Record(s):

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

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MG507598

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 09-15-2027

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

24. Are you fluent in English?: No

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): No.55, Kyaung Street, Ahlone

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

City/Town: Yangon

Department, Province, or State:

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11121

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 02

Dates: From (Year): 2002

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: 3618 Flatlands Ave

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Brooklyn

Department or Province:

State: NY

Postal Code:

ZIP Code: 11234

Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 02

Dates:From(Year): 2024

Dates:To(Month):

Dates:To(Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: No.55, Kyaung Street ,Ahlone

Number and Street, Line 2:

City/Town: Yangon

Department or Province:

State:

Postal Code: 11121

ZIP Code:

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 02

Dates:From(Year): 2002

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: St.Joseph's Catholic Inst. of Theology

Type of School: Diploma

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: No. 14 Malikha Road

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11061

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2022

Dates:To(Month): 06

Dates:To(Year): 2023

Name of School: Myanmar Accountancy Council , Yangon

Type of School: Diploma

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 1/19, Thakhin Mya Garden St, Ahlone

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code: 11121

Province:

Postal Code: 11121

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 01

Dates:From(Year): 2018

Dates:To(Month): 08

Dates:To(Year): 2020

Name of School: East Yangon Univerity

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: Thanlyin

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11292

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 2000
Dates:To(Month): unknown
Dates:To(Year): 2002

Name of School: BEHS 6 Ahlone

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 97, Min Ye Kyaw Swar Rd, Ahlone

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11121

Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 1985

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 1996

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

Name and Address of Employer: Catholic Archbishop's House

Street Name and Number: No 209, Thein Phyu Road, Botahtaung

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11161

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Archdiocesan Accountant

Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2015

Dates:To(Month): 02

Dates:To(Year): 2024

Name and Address of Employer: Champion English Institute

Street Name and Number: No. 64, Inya Rd, Kamayut

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11041

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Accountant and Cashier

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 2013

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 2015

Name and Address of Employer: US Plastic Factory

Street Name and Number: 125 Shwegondaing Street, Bahan

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11201

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Manager

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 2002

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 2013

Name and Address of Employer: Grab and Go

Street Name and Number: Kha Yay Pin St, Dagon

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11191

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Store Keeper

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 1998

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 2000

Name and Address of Employer: Royal Market

Street Name and Number: 52-54, Bo Aung Kyaw St, Botahtaung

Apt. No.:

City: Yangon

State:

ZIP Code:

Province:

Postal Code: 11161

Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Sales

Dates:From(Month): unknown

Dates:From(Year): 1996

Dates:To(Month): unknown

Dates:To(Year): 1998

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: Myint</p> <p>Last Name: Thein</p> <p>Middle Name:</p> <p>City/Town of Birth: Ayeyawaddy</p> <p>Country of Birth: MMR</p> <p>Current Location: Yangon</p> <p>Deceased:</p>
<p>Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother</p> <p>First Name: Chu</p> <p>Last Name: Yone</p> <p>Middle Name:</p> <p>City/Town of Birth: Ayeyawaddy</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: Min</p> <p>Last Name: Thu</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.: On March 17, 2021, I was actively involved in distributing food to protesters in Yangon, who were opposing the military coup. During this activity, around 1 p.m., three military trucks arrived, and approximately 60 soldiers and police officers began dispersing the crowd using tear gas and rubber bullets. My team and I attempted to escape, but we were pursued by the police, shot at with rubber bullets, caught,</p>

beaten with batons, and forcibly taken into a military truck. This mistreatment was inflicted by the military and police forces of Myanmar, motivated by my participation in supporting the pro-democracy movement, which was seen as a threat to the military government actively suppressing any dissent.

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.: After my initial release from arrest for supporting pro-democracy efforts, I resumed my involvement discreetly, financing and organizing activities that promote democratic values. This heightened my risk, especially after a team member was arrested and we discovered government informants in our network. My active participation in organizing workshops made me a particular target, leading to anonymous threats and warnings of surveillance and imminent arrest. In response, my father secured a broker to expedite my visa procurement for urgent departure from Myanmar due to credible threats to my safety. I have a profound fear of returning to Myanmar as I risk arrest, torture, or execution for my political activities. The military's systematic approach, involving surveillance and harassment, highlights the severity of the threat. Relocation within Myanmar is not viable due to the pervasive military control, making it impossible to find a safe haven. Therefore, I am compelled to seek asylum to ensure my safety and protect my human rights.

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: In March 2021, during the height of the anti-coup protests in Yangon, Myanmar, I was arrested by the military and police forces for my involvement in distributing food and essential supplies to protesters. This arrest was part of a broader crackdown on individuals participating in or supporting the pro-democracy movement against the military coup. Following my arrest, I was detained at the Ahlone police station where I was separated from other protesters, interrogated, and subjected to physical abuse. The authorities demanded information about the aid networks supporting the pro-democracy movement, accusing me and others detained of being integral parts of these networks. I was held for three days under harsh conditions, including physical violence and deprivation of food and water, intended to coerce me into providing information and to deter further participation in political activities. As a condition of my release, secured through a bribe paid by my father, I was forced to sign a declaration to cease all related activities under the threat of severe consequences. This experience has left me with a profound fear of further persecution and has been a significant factor in my decision to seek asylum.

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 I return to Myanmar due to my previous and ongoing involvement in the pro-democracy movement against the military regime. My initial arrest and the subsequent treatment I experienced in March 2021 have left me with a profound fear of further persecution. During my detainment, I was physically abused; I was slapped, beaten in the stomach, and starved by the police who demanded information about the pro-democracy network. Beyond physical abuse, I fear psychological torture and solitary confinement, both used to break the spirit of political detainees. Furthermore, my role in managing finances and organizing educational workshops for the pro-democracy movement has significantly increased my risk profile, making me a targeted individual by the military government. The military and police forces, under the directive of the military government, actively target individuals like me who are perceived as threats due to our political beliefs and actions supporting democracy. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical beatings, starvation, psychological abuse, and potentially life-threatening methods, which are commonly used tactics by the regime to intimidate and silence opposition. The military government's track record of harsh retaliation against dissenters, its systematic approach to silencing opposition through

surveillance and harassment, and the ongoing political instability further validate my fears, emphasizing the likelihood of severe persecution 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: Nu Wah Thein

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: nuwahthein.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 04-30-2024

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_ Nu Wah Thein.pdf Category: Cover Letter
Original File Name: Statement_ Nu Wah Thein.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 .pdf Category: I-94
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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 Signed Document.pdf Category: Preparer Signature
Supplement B, Form I-589
Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum