

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

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

Applicant: Thet Khaing Oo

Submission Date: 2024-04-27T20:40:58UTC

Do you also want to apply for withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture?: Yes
<b>Part A.I. Information About You</b>
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: Oo 5. First Name: Thet Khaing 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: 2124 E 19TH ST Apt. Number: City: BROOKLYN State: NY ZIP Code: 11229-4502 Telephone Number: 929-448-1311
9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8) In Care of (if applicable): Telephone Number: 929-448-1311 Street Number and Name: 2124 E 19TH ST Apt. Number: City: BROOKLYN State: NY ZIP Code: 11229-4502
10. Gender (Male, Female): Male 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): married 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 12-20-1987 13. City and Country of Birth: City: Mandalay Country: MMR 14. Present Nationality (Citizenship): MMR 15. Nationality at Birth: MMR 16. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burmese 17. Religion: Buddhist
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): 11-14-2023

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 635700762A3

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: 11-15-2023

Place of Entry: OTH

Other Place of Entry: Washington Dulles International Airport

Status: B2

Date Status Expires: 05-14-2024

**Previous Entry Record(s):**

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

21. Passport/Travel Document Number: MF359535

22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 09-27-2026

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): ME445487

3. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 02-27-1985

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

5. Complete Last Name: Hla

6. First Name: Yin Nyein

7. Middle Name:

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

9. Date of Marriage (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-08-2023

10. Place of Marriage: Mandalay, Burma

11. City and Country of Birth:

City: Mandalay

Country: MMR

12. Nationality (Citizenship): MMR

13. Race, Ethnic, or Tribal Group: Burmese

14. Gender (Male,Female): Female

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

Spouse Location:

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

Other Place of Last Entry: Washington Dulles International Airport

17. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-15-2023

18. I-94 Number (if any): 635699910A3

19. Status when last admitted (Visa type, if any): B2

20. What is your spouse's current status?: B2

21. What is the expiration date of his/her authorized stay, if any? (mm/dd/yyyy): 05-14-2024

22. Is your spouse in Immigration Court proceedings?: No
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?: Yes

**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): MF359917
3. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single
4. U.S. Social Security Number (if any):
5. Complete Last Name: Yan
6. First Name: Zay
7. Middle Name:
8. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-24-2015
9. City and Country of Birth:  
City: Mandalay  
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.: OTH  
Other Place of Last Entry: Washington Dulles International Airport
15. Date of last entry into the U.S. (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-15-2023
16. I-94 Number (If any): 635698324A3
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): 05-14-2024
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): Phone Taw Toe Quarter, Block 41

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

City/Town: Mandalay

Department, Province, or State:

State:

Zip Code:

Postal Code: 05014

Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 12

Dates: From (Year): 1987

Dates: To (Month): 11

Dates: To (Year): 2023

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

**Number and Street, Line 1:** PHONE TAW TOE QUARTER, BLOCK 41

**Number and Street, Line 2:** AUNGMYAETHAZAN TSP

**City/Town:** Mandalay

**Department or Province:**

**State:**

**Postal Code:** 05014

**ZIP Code:**

**Country:** MMR

**Dates:From(Month):** 12

**Dates:From(Year):** 1987

**Dates:To(Month):** 11

**Dates:To(Year):** 2023

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

**Name of School:** BEHS 17 Aung Myay Thar Zan

**Type of School:** High school

**Location (Address):**

**Street Name and Number:**

**Apt. No.:**

**City:**

**State:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Province:**

**Postal Code:**

**Country:** MMR

**Dates:From(Month):** 06

**Dates:From(Year):** 1992

**Dates:To(Month):** 03

**Dates:To(Year):** 2004

**Name of School:** Yadanabon University

**Type of School:** University

**Location (Address):**

**Street Name and Number:** Yadanabon Kaung Street

**Apt. No.:**

**City:** Mandalay

**State:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Province:**

**Postal Code:** 05051

**Country:** MMR

**Dates:From(Month):** 11

**Dates:From(Year):** 2006

**Dates:To(Month):** 09

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:** Zay Yan Ngwe Hnin

**Street Name and Number:** Nwe Ni Village

**Apt. No.:** Patheingyi Township

**City:** Mandalay

**State:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Province:**

**Postal Code:**

**Country:** MMR

**Your Occupation:** Founder

**Dates:From(Month):** 01

**Dates:From(Year):** 2018

**Dates:To(Month):** 11

**Dates:To(Year):** 2023

**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:** Paw

**Last Name:** Tun

**Middle Name:**

**City/Town of Birth:** Bagan

**Country of Birth:** MMR

**Current Location:** Mandalay, Burma

**Deceased:**

**Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling):** Mother

**First Name:** Tin

**Last Name:** Htoo

**Middle Name:**

**City/Town of Birth:** Mandalay

**Country of Birth:** MMR

**Current Location:** Mandalay, Burma

**Deceased:**

**Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling):** Sibling

**First Name:** Thet Naing

**Last Name:** Oo

**Middle Name:**

**City/Town of Birth:** Mandalay

**Country of Birth:** MMR

**Current Location:** Mandalay, Burma

**Deceased:**

**Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling):** Sibling

**First Name:** Zin Mar

**Last Name:** Htike

**Middle Name:**

**City/Town of Birth:** Mandalay  
**Country of Birth:** MMR  
**Current Location:** Mandalay, Burma  
**Deceased:**

**Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling):** Sibling  
**First Name:** Zin Zin  
**Last Name:** Thet  
**Middle Name:**  
**City/Town of Birth:** Mandalay  
**Country of Birth:** MMR  
**Current Location:** Mandalay, Burma  
**Deceased:**

## Part B. Information About Your Application

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.

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### 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:

**Race:** Yes  
**Religion:** Yes  
**Nationality:** Yes  
**Political Opinion:** Yes  
**Membership in a particular social group:** Yes  
**Torture Convention:** Yes

### A. Have you, your family, or close friends or colleagues ever experienced harm or mistreatment or threats in the past by anyone?:

Yes

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 was physically harmed by the military in the past because of my political activities. I also faced intermittent harassment and violent threats from them on a regular basis. I was arrested on February 22, 2021 during the 22222 Protests. I was 33 during my arrest. I was beaten with batons, hit with the butt of assault rifles, and manually stricken multiple times during my arrest and detention.

### 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.: The prospect of returning to Burma is fraught with fear for my safety and freedom, given the likelihood of arrest and torture stemming from previous political activities. Additionally, there exists a tangible fear of persecution by the military for any political activities I engage in while residing in the United States.

### 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 for my political activities on February 22, 2021 by the police under the military's command due to my political activities but it was extrajudicial and unsanctioned.

**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 concerned that my role in leading protests with the Mandalay lawyers' associations against Myanmar's military-controlled government could result in my arrest, detention, torture, and potential death at the hands of the police, who operate under the authority of the military regime. My outspoken political views and active participation in pro-democracy activities, aimed at opposing the military's hold over Burma and supporting movements that challenge the military's rule, place me at significant risk. These activities, especially my leadership in organizing legal professionals in Mandalay to protest against the military coup, underscore my opposition to the current oppressive regime and highlight my commitment to restoring democracy.

### **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: Thet Khaing Oo

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: thetkhaingoo.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 04-27-2024

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:



<b>First Name:</b> Ye Yint Myint <b>Last Name:</b> Mo <b>Daytime Telephone Number:</b> 646-698-2775
<b>Address of Preparer</b> <b>Street Number and Name:</b> 6034 Booth St <b>Apt. Number:</b> <b>City:</b> Elmhurst <b>State:</b> NY <b>ZIP Code:</b> 11373 <b>Province:</b> <b>Postal Code:</b> <b>Country:</b>
<b>Attorney State Bar Number (if applicable):</b> <b>Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS Online Account Number (if any):</b>
<b>Evidence</b>
<b>Original File Name:</b> Cover Letter_ Thet Khaing Oo.pdf <b>Category:</b> Cover Letter
<b>Original File Name:</b> Statement_ Thet Khaing Oo.pdf <b>Category:</b> Written Statements
<b>Original File Name:</b> 1962 Military Coup News Article.pdf <b>Category:</b> News Article
<b>Original File Name:</b> 1988 Military Coup News Article.pdf <b>Category:</b> News Article
<b>Original File Name:</b> 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf <b>Category:</b> News Article
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<b>Original File Name:</b> Section 505 A News Article.pdf <b>Category:</b> News Article
<b>Original File Name:</b> UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf <b>Category:</b> News Article
<b>Original File Name:</b> NRC Original - Thet Khaing Oo.pdf <b>Category:</b> Foreign Identification Documents
<b>Original File Name:</b> Passport - Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Passport
<b>Original File Name:</b> Thet Khaing Oo I94.pdf <b>Category:</b> I-94
<b>Original File Name:</b> Visa - Thet Khiang Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Visa

<b>Original File Name:</b> Birth Certificate Notary - Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Birth Records
<b>Original File Name:</b> Birth Certificate Original - Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Birth Records
<b>Original File Name:</b> Matriculation Certificate Notary - Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Other Education Documents
<b>Original File Name:</b> Matriculation Certificate Original - Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Other Education Documents
<b>Original File Name:</b> Certificate of Marriage-Thet Khaing Oo.jpg <b>Category:</b> Other Supporting Documents
<b>Original File Name:</b> Bachelor of Law (Notary) .jpg <b>Category:</b> Other Education Documents
<b>Original File Name:</b> Bachelor of Arts (Notary).jpg <b>Category:</b> Other Education Documents
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<b>Original File Name:</b> Passport - Zay Yan .jpeg <b>Category:</b> Passport
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<b>Original File Name:</b> Preparer Signed Document.pdf <b>Category:</b> Preparer Signature
<b>Supplement B, Form I-589</b>
<b>Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum</b>