Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

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

OMB No. 1615-0067; Expires 06/30/2026

Applicant: Kyi Lei Yee Oo

Submission Date: 2024-05-01T02:28:26UTC

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: Oo5. First Name: Kyi Lei Yee

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: 6150 BOOTH ST

Apt. Number: City: REGO PARK

State: NY

ZIP Code: 11374-1034

Telephone Number: 657-335-6493

9. Mailing Address in the U.S. (if different than the address in Item Number 8)

In Care of (if applicable):

Telephone Number: 657-335-6493

Street Number and Name: 6150 BOOTH ST

Apt. Number: City: REGO PARK

State: NY

ZIP Code: 11374-1034

- 10. Gender (Male, Female): Female
- 11. Marital Status (Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed): single
- 12. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): 02-23-1998
- 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: Buddism
- 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): 03-14-2024

Last Left Your Country Other:

19.b. What is your current I-94 Number, if any?: 808391614A3

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: 03-14-2024
Place of Entry: ONO
Other Place of Entry:

Status: F1

Date Status Expires: 02-20-2025

Previous Entry Record(s):

- 20. What country issued your last passport or travel document?: MMR
- **21. Passport/Travel Document Number:** MF435117
- 22. Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 11-17-2026
- 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: 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. D4A TawWin Private Housing

Number and Street, Line 2 (Provide if Available): 41 Ward

City/Town: North Dagon

Department, Province, or State: Yangon

State: Zip Code:

Postal Code: 11421 Country: MMR

Dates: From (Month): 02 Dates: From (Year): 2013 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: 6150 Booth St

Number and Street, Line 2: City/Town: Rego Park Department or Province:

State: NY
Postal Code:
ZIP Code: 11374
Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 04 Dates:From(Year): 2024 Dates:To(Month): Dates:To(Year):

Number and Street, Line 1: No. D4A TawWin Private Housing

Number and Street, Line 2: 41 Ward

City/Town: North Dagon

Department or Province: Yangon

State:

Postal Code: 11421

ZIP Code: Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 02
Dates:From(Year): 2013

Dates:To(Month): 03
Dates:To(Year): 2024

Number and Street, Line 1: 416 Kanar ST

Number and Street, Line 2: City/Town: Kyimyindaing

Department or Province: Yangon

State:

Postal Code: 11101

ZIP Code: Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 02 Dates:From(Year): 1998 Dates:To(Month): 01 Dates:To(Year): 2013

Number and Street, Line 1: 3101 S.ARTESIA ST

Number and Street, Line 2: City/Town: Santa Ana Department or Province:

State: CA
Postal Code:
ZIP Code: 92704
Country: USA

Dates:From(Month): 03 Dates:From(Year): 2024 Dates:To(Month): 04 Dates:To(Year): 2024

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

Name of School: University of Greenwich via KMD

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: No.331 Pyay Rd

Apt. No.: Myaynigone **City:** Sanchaung

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 1111
Country: MMR
Dates:From(Month): 06

Dates:From(Year): 2018
Dates:To(Month): 07
Dates:To(Year): 2019

Name of School: Victoria University College, Myanmar

Type of School: University

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 19 U Htun Myat Rd

Apt. No.: City: Tamwe State:

ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 11211
Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 03 Dates:From(Year): 2015 Dates:To(Month): 07 Dates:To(Year): 2017

Name of School: Pyin Nyar Nan Daw Private High School

Type of School: High School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: No. G1-B, Thanthumar ST

Apt. No.: Thuwunna Bridge

City: Thingangyun

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 11071
Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 03 Dates:From(Year): 2013 Dates:To(Month): 03 Dates:To(Year): 2014

Name of School: BEHS No. 1 Kamaryut

Type of School: Primary School

Location (Address):

Street Name and Number: 312, U Wisara Rd, Ward 10

Apt. No.: City: Kamayut

State: ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 11041
Country: MMR

Dates:From(Month): 06 Dates:From(Year): 2003 Dates:To(Month): 02 Dates:To(Year): 2012

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

Name and Address of Employer: 2C2P FinTech Company Street Name and Number: 151 YAWGIKYAUNG ST Apt. No.: 11 Ward

City: Hlaing State:

ZIP Code:

Province: Yangon
Postal Code: 11051
Country: MMR

Your Occupation: Senior Executive Operations

Dates:From(Month): 10 Dates:From(Year): 2019 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: Hla Myo Last Name: Oo Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Yangon
Country of Birth: MMR
Current Location: Yangon

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Mother

First Name: Yee Yee Last Name: Shein Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Yangon
Country of Birth: MMR
Current Location: Yangon

Deceased:

Relationship (Mother, Father, Sibling): Sibling

First Name: Swe Yee Last Name: Oo Middle Name:

City/Town of Birth: Yangon
Country of Birth: MMR
Current Location: Yangon

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, Kyi Lei Yee Oo, and my close colleagues have experienced significant harm, mistreatment, and threats due to our political beliefs and activities advocating for democracy in Myanmar. In February 2021, during a peaceful protest in Yangon, I was physically assaulted by police who used batons against me and other protestors. Additionally, in August 2023, I was arrested and subjected to both physical abuse and sexual harassment while detained. The authorities targeted me specifically for my role in financially supporting the Civil Disobedience Movement. During my detention, I was beaten, and an officer sexually harassed me under the guise of a search. The mistreatment was an attempt to extract information and intimidate me into ceasing my involvement in pro-democracy activities. The threats and violence were perpetrated by the Myanmar military and police, who acted under the orders of the military-led government. The motivation behind these actions was to suppress opposition and maintain control by instilling fear among activists like myself. My colleagues, including Ko Min and Ma Lei, who were also involved in these protests, have faced similar threats and remain imprisoned under dire conditions. This pattern of abuse reflects the military's strategy to dismantle any resistance to their rule.

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 harbor a deep fear of returning to my home country, Myanmar, due to the high risk of harm and mistreatment from the authorities. If I were to return, I fear being detained, tortured, or even executed because of my previous involvement in pro-democracy activities and my support for the Civil Disobedience Movement. This fear is grounded in my personal experiences of violence and abuse by the military and police. For instance, during my arrest in August 2023, I endured physical abuse and sexual harassment while in custody. These acts were committed by members of the Myanmar police force, acting under the military-led government's directives aimed at suppressing any opposition. The military and police in Myanmar systematically target individuals who are seen as threats to their authority, particularly those who have actively participated in opposition movements. The ongoing political situation in Myanmar remains volatile and dangerous, especially for those with a history of political activism against the current regime. This makes the likelihood of further persecution upon return highly probable.

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 was arrested and detained in Myanmar in August 2023. The arrest occurred during a covert operation where I was providing financial support to members of the Civil Disobedience Movement, an activity stemming from my involvement in pro-democracy efforts. This arrest was part of a targeted operation by undercover security forces dressed in civilian clothes, who were monitoring and aiming to disrupt activities against the military-led government. During my detention, I was interrogated and subjected to physical and sexual abuse by police officers. The purpose of this mistreatment was to extract information about the Civil Disobedience Movement and intimidate others involved in similar activities. My family has also been affected indirectly; they have been harassed and threatened by authorities seeking to extract bribes or information due to my political activities and the arrest. Frequent visits by the police to our family home for unannounced searches and demands for money have been a common occurrence, adding to our collective persecution and motivating our decision to seek safety outside Myanmar.

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 if I return to Myanmar due to my past and current political activism against the military-led government. The nature of the torture I fear includes physical abuse, sexual harassment, and psychological intimidation, which I have previously endured. These forms of torture are often used by the military and police in Myanmar to extract information, punish, and instill fear among activists and dissenters. My direct involvement in pro-democracy movements, including financial support to activists and participation in protests, has made me a target for such brutal treatment. The military and police forces, who operate with impunity under the current regime, systematically employ torture against those perceived as threats to their control. The reason for this torture would be to break my spirit, force confessions, and deter others in the community from engaging in similar activities. Given my history and the ongoing oppressive tactics of the government, there is a very real and imminent risk of torture 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: Kyi Lei Yee 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: kyileiyeeoo.usird.client@gmail.com

Signature Date: 05-01-2024

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).

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Date:

Complete Name of Preparer: First Name: Ye Yint Myint

Last Name: Mo

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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_ Kyi Lei Yee Oo.pdf

Category: Cover Letter

Original File Name: Statement_ Kyi Lei Yee Oo.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

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Original File Name: 2021 Civil Disobedience Movement.pdf

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Original File Name: UN HUMAN RIGHT COMM REPORT.pdf

Category: News Article

Original File Name: Acceptance Letter.pdf
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Category: Preparer Signature

Supplement B, Form I-589

Additional Information About Your Claim to Asylum