



home affairs

Department:  
Home Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION

[IN TERMS OF SECTION 27(c) OF THE REFUGEES ACT, 1998. (ACT NO. 130 OF 1998)]

IMPORTANT: PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED EXPLANATORY NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION. A SEPARATE APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EVERY DEPENDANT IN RESPECT OF WHOM CERTIFICATION IS APPLIED FOR.

### 1. PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Surname:	
Name of applicant:	
Date of birth:	Gender:
Physical address:	
	Postal code:
Telephone number (code):	Cell number:
Email address:	
Occupation:	
Employer/ Educational Institution:	
Employer/ Educational Institution Address:	
Postal code:	
Visa No:	

### 2. RECOGNITION OF REFUGEE DETAILS

Date of recognition as refugee ..... (attach copies of certificate of recognition of refugee status, as well as all visas issued in terms of section 27(a) of the Refugees Act)

Reference number on letter of recognition:.....

### 3. STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

I, .....hereby apply to the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs for certification in terms of section 27(c) of the Refugee Act 1998 that ..... (name of applicant) will remain a refugee indefinitely. The reasons for not being able to return to the country of origin are as follows:

[illegible]

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

**Also attach any information or report or supporting documents that the Standing Committee should take into consideration**

Please forward the response of the application to:

Postal address: .....

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**OR** The following Refugee Reception Office .....

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Signature of applicant or legal guardian.....

Name in full .....

Signed at .....this .....day of .....20.....

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR REFUGEES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

1. A refugee may apply for permanent residence in terms of section 27(d) or 31(2)(b) of the Immigration Act after 10 years of continuous residence in the Republic from the date on which he or she was granted asylum, if the Standing Committee, after considering all relevant factors and within a reasonable period of time, including efforts made to secure peace and stability in the refugee's country of origin, certifies that he or she will remain a refugee indefinitely. [Section 27(c) of the Refugees Act]
2. Before lodging an application for permanent residence, the refugee must apply to the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs for certification that he or she will remain a refugee indefinitely (for an indeterminate period).
3. Once certification mentioned in 2 above has been granted, the applicant may lodge an application for permanent residence with the Department of Home Affairs. The certification must be submitted together with the application for permanent residence.
4. The application mentioned in 2 above must be made on form BI-1754A that is obtainable from the Department of Home Affairs. The form must be fully completed and handed to the Department.
5. The Standing Committee can only grant certification if it is certain that the applicant will remain a refugee indefinitely. The Standing Committee can only consider this aspect and not the reasons why the applicant wants permanent residence. The Committee has to determine whether or not the refugee will be able to return to his or her country in the indefinite future.
6. In completing the application form the applicant must set out the reasons why he or she will not be able to return to his or her country in the indefinite future. The Standing Committee cannot take the reasons why the applicant wishes to remain in South Africa into account.
7. Parents / Legal Guardians must apply on behalf of minor applicants for certification.