



## FACT SHEET

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Refugee Resettlement

**SUBJECT:** Eligibility for ORR Benefits and Services – Refugees

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## REFUGEES

### Definition

A refugee is any person who is outside the country of such person's nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside the country in which such person last habitually resided, and who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.

Individuals and their family members granted refugee status overseas by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are brought to the United States for resettlement by the U.S. Department of State. Through a wide range of programs and benefits, the Department of State, Voluntary agencies and ORR assist refugees' resettlement and integration into the U.S.

Refugees are eligible to receive ORR benefits and services from their date of arrival in the U.S.

### **Acceptable documents for refugees admitted under §207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)**

<b>Documents/Codes</b>	<b>Comments</b>
I-94 Arrival/departure card noting that the individual has been admitted under §207 of the INA	Notations may include references to employment authorization, indefinite status, and the requirement to obtain permission before leaving the United States.
RE-1 admission code on the I-94	Principal Refugee
RE-2 admission code on the I-94	Spouse of principal refugee
RE-3 admission code on the I-94	Child of principal refugee
RE-4 admission code on the I-94	Collateral relatives of principal refugee
RE-5 admission code on the I-94	Certain Haitian refugees
I-766 Employment Authorization Document with the code A03	
DHS Form I-571	United States Refugee Travel Document <sup>1</sup>
Visa 93 (or V-93) on the I-94 Arrival/departure card	May be accompanied by the words "section 207"; Individual is the spouse or minor child of a previously admitted refugee.

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<sup>1</sup> The DHS Form I-571, which is a United States Refugee Travel Document, does not distinguish between refugees and asylees. An individual with a United States Refugee Travel Document may be a refugee or an asylee.