

Transfer of refugee status – interim notice

The previous asylum policy and guidance on Transfer of Refugee Status has been withdrawn for review.

The United Kingdom is a signatory to the [European Agreement on the Transfer of Responsibility for Refugees](#) (EATRR), a Council of Europe agreement of 16 October 1980, which does not form part of UK domestic law. As a signatory to the Agreement, the UK undertakes to consider applications for transfer of refugee status lodged within the terms of the EATRR, providing the country which recognised the applicant as a refugee has ratified the EATRR.

Pending the outcome of the review of the policy and guidance, the UK will continue to consider applications made in the UK within the terms of the EATRR. Those applications should for the time being be made by post to the address below.

The UK's obligations do not extend to the consideration of applications to transfer refugee status where the country which recognised the refugee is not a signatory to the EATRR. Neither do they extend to the consideration of applications made abroad and, with immediate effect, no application made abroad will be accepted by a UK visa-issuing post or by the UK Border Agency pending a review of the policy and guidance.

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