

Civil news: immigration contract changes after asylum reforms

News story

Changes are being made to the 2018 Standard Civil Contract effective from 1 July 2022 to allow providers to work with immigration and asylum rule changes.



Providers will be able to claim from 1 July for work on rebuttal documents challenging provisional temporary 'group 2' refugee decisions on permissions to stay.

We are making this possible through changes to the immigration and asylum specification in the 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

The changes follow consultations with your representative bodies. The work will be paid at hourly rates.

Why is this happening now?

The changes follow the recent passing of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022, which introduced 2 groups of refugees:

- group 1 refugees are usually granted permission to stay for 5 years after which they can apply for further leave
- group 2 refugees are granted temporary permission to stay for 30 months

Where can I find out more?

Full details of the contract amendments can be found on the Standard Civil Contract 2018 page on GOV.UK.

Further information

[Standard civil contract 2018](#) – for table of amendments and immigration and asylum category specific rules

[Guidance for reporting controlled work and controlled work matters](#) – for updated guidance on how to claim for work completed under the new clauses

[Legal aid guidance](#) – for practical guidance relating to advising immigration detainees in prisons

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