

Asylum process

This section traces the entire journey that an asylum seeker takes through the asylum process once they have arrived into the UK and sought international protection.

It covers such topics as the asylum application process and how asylum cases are processed, as well as the various asylum decisions possible, appeals, and voluntary returns, among others.



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