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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Class of humanitarian visas that residentially qualify a person for Carer's Allowance

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Question:

Which classes of humanitarian visas are exempt from the Permanent Residency requirements for the Carer's Allowance?

Answer:

To qualify residentially for Carer Allowance, a person must be an Australian resident. This is defined as a person who is residing in Australia and has a legal permanent resident status.

Visas do not provide exemption from these requirements. However, some visa sub-classes satisfy the legal permanent resident status requirement.

The humanitarian/refugee visa sub-classes which meet the legal permanent resident status requirements are: 200 to 217 (inclusive); 800; 803; 807; 810; 811; 817; 851; and 866.

See Attachment A for a brief description of each visa sub-class.

ATTACHMENT A

VISA SUBCLASS	DESCRIPTION
200	Refugee
201	In-country Special Humanitarian Program
202	Global Special Humanitarian Program
203	Emergency rescue
204	Woman at risk
205	Camp clearance
206	Lebanese concession
207	Soviet concession
208	East Timorese in Portugal, Macau or Mozambique
209	Citizens of the former Yugoslavia - displaced persons
210	Minorities of former USSR
211	Burmese in Burma
212	Sudanese
213	Burmese in Thailand
214	Cambodian
215	Sri Lankan (special assistance)
216	Ahmadi
217	Vietnamese
800	Territorial asylum
803	Refugee
807	Humanitarian grounds
810	Refugee (permanent)
811	Refugee (pilot program)
817	Protection (Ex class 784 visa)
851	Resolution of Status visa (granted after 9 August 2008)
866	Protection