

### Authorization of residence fee

The Brazilian government exempts from fees for the procedure of the humanitarian residency and for the issuance of the identification documents for Afghans.

### How does the process work?

First, register at the Federal Police's website ▶ Go to the Federal Police at the scheduled date and time to receive the provisional residence permit ▶ Go once again to the Federal Police to get the CRNM.



**National Migratory Registry Card (CRNM)** – definitive document for residents. It looks exactly like the CRNM for refugees, except for the legal basis ("Amparo Legal") inscription on the back, which, in this case, will read: Portaria Interministerial Nº 24. Note: first a provisional residence is granted for 2 years and then a residency for an indefinite period may be granted, provided that means of livelihood in the country and absence of criminal records are demonstrated.

## CADASTRO DE PESSOAS FÍSICAS (CPF)

This is a database managed by the Brazilian Federal Revenue Service. This document may be used for several purposes.

### What is CPF used for?

Its main function is to identify taxpayers in Brazil. However, it allows the access to a series of services, such as:

- ▶ Public health care system;
- ▶ Government's income redistribution programs;
- ▶ The financial system (banks);
- ▶ Educational system;
- ▶ House renting.

### Who can get a CPF?

Both Brazilian nationals and non-nationals of any age are allowed to request it.

### How to request a CPF?

You can do so by accessing Receita Federal's website and filling out its digital form. <https://www.gov.br/pt-br/servicos/inscrever-no-cpf> Please, refer to an institution like Caritas if you face any difficulties.

## TEMPORARY VISA

Prior to coming to Brazil, you must apply for a Visa at a Brazilian Embassy and pay special attention to a few details regarding documents before flying to Brazil from the country where you are.

### To request a Brazilian temporary visa for the purpose of humanitarian reception:

You must be

1. physically present in one of the countries in which the Humanitarian Visa is issued - only the Brazilian Embassies in Islamabad, Tehran, Moscow, Ankara, Abu Dhabi and Doha are issuing this visa. In addition to this, you must:
2. Have a valid travel document;
3. Have a flight ticket reservation to Brazil;
4. Have a certificate of criminal records or declaration of absence of any criminal record;
5. Fill out the Brazilian Humanitarian Visa application form online\*.

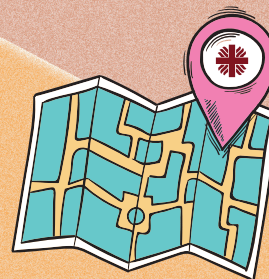
Once you fill out the form, you must send it to the Brazilian Embassy's E-mail of the country where you are ▶ Wait for an email from the Brazilian Embassy confirming the interview date ▶ On the day of the interview, bring all the documents stated above (1-4), including a printout of the online visa form.

\*<https://formulario-mre.serpro.gov.br/sci/pages/web/ui/#/servicos-estrangeiros>

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# BRAZILIAN DOCUMENTATION FOR AFGHAN NATIONALS



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## REFUGEE STATUS

This is an internationally recognized right based upon the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, its Protocol and the 1984 Cartagena Declaration (in the regional context of the American continent).

### What is Asylum?

It is a type of international protection in which a person who is a victim of persecution in their country of origin seeks for the legal and physical protection of another country. In Brazil, it also applies for those whose life and safety were threatened by a situation of serious and widespread human rights violation in their territory of origin. A person whose status of refugee is recognized by a country can not be sent back to the country where his or her life or integrity might be at risk (principle of *non-refoulement*).

### How is this international protection applied in Brazil?

The 1951 Convention and related normatives are implemented in Brazil by Law Nº 9.474/1997. The final decision about the recognition of the status of refugee is taken by the CONARE – Comitê Nacional para os Refugiados.

### What are my rights as an asylum-seeker or refugee in Brazil?

- You are guaranteed a series of rights, such as working, traveling and renting properties;
- You are allowed to access:
  - ▶ Public health care system;
  - ▶ Government's income redistribution programs;
  - ▶ The financial system (banks);
  - ▶ Educational system (refugees may have special vacancies accessible in universities);
- You do not need to present your country of origin's documents;
- You can request a passport for refugees issued by the Brazilian government (known as yellow passport);
- Once you are recognized as a refugee, your family members to a certain degree can be granted refugee status by a more simplified procedure extended to them (family reunion);
- You can apply for Brazilian citizenship after a period of 04 years, counted from the date of the asylum application.

### How to request the recognition of the status of refugee in Brazil?

You have to

- 1 fill out SISCONARE's form - the government's system to request asylum. You can do so by:
  - ▶ Accessing SISCONARE's digital platform by yourself
  - ▶ Then create an account ▶ Once you are in SISCONARE's homepage, click on "SOLICITAÇÃO DE REFÚGIO".
- 2 Going to "CIC do Imigrante", if you need support to request the recognition of the status of refugee, at Rua Barra Funda, 1020, Santa Cecília, São Paulo.

P.S.: You can request the recognition of the status of refugee any time while in Brazil!

### What are the steps of the process?

Conare has recognized

the case of Afghanistan as a situation of serious and widespread human rights violation, which implies a simpler process: Afghans are exempt from the eligibility interview. Only documentary analysis (such as proof of Afghan nationality) are required.

### How does the process work?

- 1 Registration at SISCONARE;
- 2 Filling out of SISCONARE's form;
- 3 Then go to the Federal Police at the scheduled date and time to registrate your claim and receive your asylum-seeker documents (Protocol and DPRNM);
- 4 Renew the refugee protocol every year until CONARE's final decision is reached;
- 5 Once the status is granted, go to the Federal Police to receive the CRNM (your identification document as a refugee).



Refugee Protocol – official document for asylum-seekers. Must be renewed every year until a final decision is reached.



DPRNM – Provisionary Document for National Migratory Registry – official ID card for asylum-seekers. This document is automatically renewed when the Refugee protocol is renewed. It is not necessary to issue a new document every year.



National Migratory Registry Card (CRNM) – definitive document for those who were recognized by CONARE as refugees. Valid for 9 years.

## RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE HUMANITARIAN RECEPTION

Afghan refugees in Brazil can also register for a temporary residency permit. This is a Brazilian mechanism for the documental regularization of persons affected by the situation of serious or imminent institutional instability, and violation of human rights or international humanitarian law in Afghanistan.

### What is the humanitarian residence permit?

The humanitarian

residence permit is based on the Brazilian Interministerial Ordinance Nº 24/2021, that is, it is not an international protection mechanism. Moreover, it is a process before the Federal Police which also allows access to social and economic rights in Brazil.

### Which rights do I have if I choose the humanitarian residence permit?

- You are also guaranteed rights such as working, traveling and renting properties;
- You are also allowed to access:
  - ▶ Public health care system;
  - ▶ Government's income redistribution programs;
  - ▶ The financial system (banks);
  - ▶ Educational system;
- You can request the yellow passport;
- Family reunion (but in different terms from those of asylum);
- No exclusive vacancies at universities.
- You can apply for Brazilian citizenship after 4 years, counting from the residence for an indefinite period.

### Documents necessary for requesting the humanitarian residence

- 1 Official travel document (it doesn't matter if it is expired);
- 2 Birth or marriage certificate;
- 3 Declaration of absence of criminal records;
- 4 A 3X4 cm picture;
- 5 Electronic address declaration.

### How to request the humanitarian residence permit?

You have to fill out SISMIGRA's form, at the Federal Police's website. You can do so by:

- 1 Accessing the digital platform by yourself:  
<https://servicos.dpf.gov.br/sismigra-internet/faces/publico/tipoSolicitacao/permanenciaRegistroEmissaoCie.seam>
- 2 Looking for the assistance of an organization, such as Caritas, Missão Paz or CRAI.

P.S.: You have 90 days from the moment you arrive in Brazil to go to the Federal Police in order to request the humanitarian residence permit.