

Legal representatives in Edinburgh



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Why should I seek legal advice?



Applying for asylum is a complicated process and you have a right to legal advice.

It is **very** important that you find a legal representative and get legal advice as soon as possible because there are very short timeframes for providing evidence needed to support your claim for asylum.

If you have little or no money, you are likely to be entitled to free legal advice to help with your asylum claim. Your legal representative will explain this, and identify what they can do for you.

Be open and honest with your legal representative

Although you may find it difficult to talk about certain things that have happened to you, your legal representative cannot assist you fully unless they know. It can also help your asylum claim if you discuss everything with your legal representative.

How to obtain legal advice

The list below provides contact information for some of the legal representatives providing asylum advice in Edinburgh. You may use this list to select a legal representative and contact them using the details provided below.

It is important to note that this list is not exhaustive and other legal representatives are available. If you wish, you can choose a legal representative that is not indicated on the list below. The inclusion of a firm of legal representatives does not imply any endorsement and/or recommendation by Scottish Refugee Council. Other names of legal representatives may be obtained from the Law Society of Scotland by phoning 0131 226 7411.

If you feel you have received poor advice or an inadequate service from your legal representative, you can make a complaint to the Office of the Immigration Commissioner (OISC). Complete details about making a complaint are available on their website: <http://www.oisc.gov.uk>

How to make a complaint

Making a complaint does not impact your claim for asylum or your immigration status.

If you feel you have received poor advice or an inadequate service from a Scottish solicitor (your legal representative), you should initially provide your complaint in writing to your legal representative and allow four weeks for them to resolve it.

If your complaint is not resolved within four weeks, you can make an official written complaint to the Scottish Legal Complaints Commissioner (SLCC). If writing is difficult, you can call them for help on 0131 528 511.

In your written complaint you should include complete details of the complaint in your own words, how this has affected you and how you would like your complaint to be resolved. You must also sign your written complaint.

Complete details about making a complaint are available on their website:

<http://www.scottishlegalcomplaints.org.uk/how-to-complain/complaint-form.aspx>

Legal Representatives in Edinburgh:

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