Asylum seeker identification – 2018



Evidence of immigration status card

Issued to people on Bridging Visa E (BVE-subclass 050 or 051) granted to asylum seekers who arrived without a valid visa, and to individuals who arrived on a valid visa and lodged a protection claim. May be issued to people in the review process.

Also issued to refugees - TPV-785, THC-786, SHEV-790, and 866 Permanent Protection Visas, although these people will have Medicare, and be eligible for healthcare cards by the usual criteria.

Status Resolution S Services payment	Support	Australian Government Department of Human Services
Customer name	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	
Customer reference number		
Customer speaks		
DHS LSU code		

SRSS payment card

Individuals on Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) payments may have an SRSS payment card. From late 2017, the number of people on SRSS has been reducing.

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Protection visa application letter

People who arrive by plane and seek asylum will receive an acknowledgement letter when they submit a protection claim - this is proof that they have engaged in a refugee determination process. They may remain on their entry (substantive) visa, or have a BVE.

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Judicial review - re-application for BVE letter

Individuals seeking judicial review of a negative protection decision can reapply for a bridging visa. When they lodge for review, they will receive an acknowledgement letter that they have reapplied for a BVE, which can be used as proof they are engaging in review of their refugee determination process.



IHMS card

Individuals in community detention will have an International Health and Services (IHMS) card to facilitate payment at their assigned general practice and pharmacy.

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Other documents recording asylum seeker status

Individuals may also have a letter from a support provider such as Red Cross, AMES, Life Without Barriers; the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre; other health providers; charities or lawyers - this may also provide evidence of asylum status. Public Transport Victoria cards record asylum seeker status.

Interim Medicare card Non-citizen/permanent resident Medicare cards are a blue colour. These Medicare cards are used for people seeking asylum (tied to having a valid bridging visa thus may have expired). Other groups of temporary migrants may also have these cards (e.g. people from New Zealand without permanent residence).