

UK asylum process simplified

Arrival in the UK
Apply for asylum as soon as possible

Screening interview
(immediate)

Full (substantive) asylum interview
(usually within a few weeks)

Initial decision

Refused refugee status

Appeal

Granted

Refused

Granted refugee status

Able to work, study, pay taxes, claim benefits and access full health care

Destitute

Eligible for support – Initially in a hostel, then dispersed to a shared house anywhere in the UK and given £36.95 a week.