

Salvos Asylum Seeker (ASC) Clinic FAQs

Q. Why have Salvos Legal Humanitarian and MDA partnered for the Salvos Asylum Seeker Clinic?

A. There are approx. 2500 unrepresented people seeking asylum in Queensland who require legal assistance with the protection visa application process. Salvos Legal Humanitarian and MDA's Legal Clinic is helping to address this need.

Q. What assistance does the Clinic provide to unrepresented asylum seekers?

A. The Clinic helps prepare statements of claim and assists people seeking asylum to complete Department of Immigration and Border Protection forms for the purpose of lodging protection claims. All tasks undertaken at the ASC are supervised by a lawyer and a registered migration agent and in accordance with the requirements outlined in the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth).¹ MDA is working alongside Salvos Legal Humanitarian to provide holistic support with protection visa applications.

Q. When and where can I make a booking to attend the Clinic?

A. The Clinic operates from MDA's Woolloongabba premises. It is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. Bookings are currently available to people residing in Queensland who have not gained assistance previously and have been referred by MDA or Indooroopilly Uniting Church.

Q. I am a barrister/solicitor/law firm/law clerk/migration agent/retiree interested in volunteering at the Clinic. Who should I contact?

A. Thanks for your interest! If your law or migration firm would like to nominate a group of staff please email ascoordinator@salvoslegal.com.au and we will be in contact with

¹ Ss 276(3); 280(1); 280(3) *Migration Act 1958* (Cth)

more details. If you are an individual interested in volunteering, please complete our EOI form which is available at: <https://www.salvoslegal.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ASC-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-Form-March-2017.pdf>

Q. How can I make a donation to support the Clinic? Will it be tax deductible?

A. Salvos Legal Humanitarian is a not-for-profit law firm and a recognised Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) which holds Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. To make a donation to the Salvos Asylum Seeker Clinic, please visit our page on The Salvation Army's online donation portal at: <https://salvos.org.au/donate/make-a-donation/donate-online/?appeal=slasc> or phone Charlotte Yellowlees on 07 3280 8860.