

A **MIGRANT** is someone who voluntarily chooses to leave his or her own country to make a new life in another country.

Unlike refugees who cannot safely return home, migrants face no such barrier. If they choose to return home, they will continue to receive the protection of their government.

A **REFUGEE** is a person who has fled armed conflict or persecution and who is recognised as needing of international protection because it is too dangerous for them to return home.

According to the UN *Convention relating to the Status of Refugees*, a refugee is a person who is:

- outside their own country and
- has a well-founded fear of persecution due to his/ her race, religion, nationality, member of a particular social group or political opinion, and is
- unable or unwilling to return.

An **ASYLUM SEEKER** is a person who has fled from his or her own country due to fear of persecution and has applied for (legal and physical) protection in another country but has not yet had their official claim for protection assessed.

A person remains an asylum seeker until their protection 'status' has been determined.