



THE THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS (TCN) UNIT: LEGAL AID

WHAT IS THE TCN UNIT

An office within the Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, acting as a focal point in the areas of asylum and immigration.

ELIGIBILITY

A means test is not applied to migrants challenging a Detention Order, yet legal aid for issues relating to reception of asylum-seekers may be restricted to persons “*lacking sufficient resources*”.

SCOPE

- **Asylum** appeals from a decision of the Office of the Refugee Commissioner before the Refugee Appeals Board;
- Review by asylum-seekers of immigration **detention** before the Immigration Appeals Board;
- Appeals by asylum-seekers from decisions taken under the Reception Regulations, which may

include decisions relating to **accommodation, schooling, material conditions**, and **access to the labour market** for;

- Review by migrants of a **Return Decision** and a **Removal Order** before the Immigration Appeals Board (with restricted eligibility); and
- Appeals from decisions related to the determination of the age of **unaccompanied minors** before the Immigration Appeals Board.

ACCESSING TCN UNIT LEGAL AID

- Request a Legal Aid lawyer when notifying the Refugee Appeals Board of the intention to appeal; or
- Request a Legal Aid lawyer when notifying the Immigration Appeals Board of the intention to appeal; or
- Visit the **TCN Unit** at 28/18, Vincenti Buildings, Strait Street, Valletta, tel: 2291 8209.

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