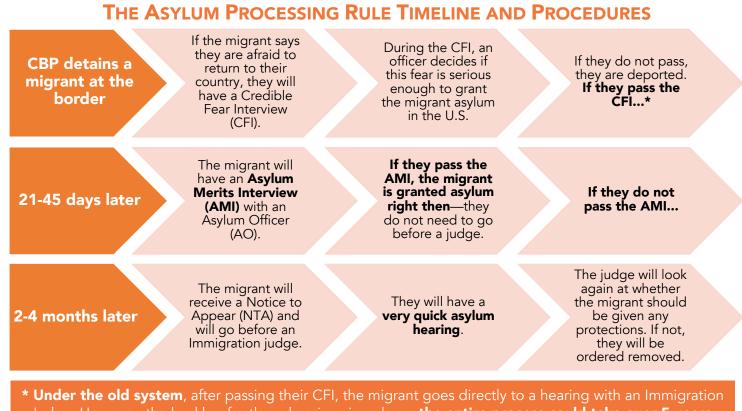


ASYLUM PROCESSING RULE

WHAT IS THE ASYLUM PROCESSING RULE?

The Asylum Processing Rule is officially known as "Procedures for Credible Fear Screening and Consideration of Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and CAT Protection Claims by Asylum Officers." The Asylum Processing Rule is a change to the way things have always been done. The U.S. government only uses the new rule for a very small number of cases in certain locations, so it's important to understand the old system and the new rule.



* Under the old system, after passing their CFI, the migrant goes directly to a hearing with an Immigration Judge. However, the backlog for these hearings is so long, the entire process could take over 5 years. With the new rule, asylum claims are processed within several months.

WHAT DOES THE NEW RULE MEAN FOR ME?

It will likely not mean anything for you. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has only used the new rule for a very small number of single adult migrants in certain detention facilities who plan to reside in one of the following seven cities: Boston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Newark, San Francisco or Chicago. DHS may expand use of the rule, but we do not know when that might happen.

If the new rule is used for you, it will give you some problems. The new rule makes things move faster to help the backlog, **but it moves much too fast.** Putting together a winning asylum case takes a lot of time. The new rule makes the process move so fast that it makes it very hard to prepare documents and meet the tight deadlines, with or without a lawyer. And finding a lawyer in time to help you will be extremely difficult.

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