

# 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.**

## THE ASYLUM PROCESSING RULE TIMELINE AND PROCEDURES



**\* 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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