

Refugee agencies help and advice



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English

Section 4* Support Additional Vouchers

Some people receiving [Section 4 UKBA \(Home Office\)*](#) support can now apply for extra vouchers. This leaflet explains who can apply and what they can apply for.

Anyone on [Section 4*](#) support can apply for extra vouchers for:

1. **Travel for journeys over 3 miles** – if it is:

- To receive healthcare treatment (include evidence of the appointment in the application); or
- To register a birth.

2. **Birth certificates** - To pay the cost of getting a full birth certificate.

3. **Telephone calls and letters:**

To pay the cost of telephone calls and postage/stationery to:

- doctors/ medical care
- a lawyer qualified to provide immigration advice
- a court or tribunal
- a [One Stop Service*](#)
- a [Citizen's Advice Bureau*](#)
- a local authority
- an immigration officer; or
- the [Home Office \(UKBA\)*](#)

Extra support for pregnant women & parents with dependant children under age 16:

4. **One-off voucher (£250) for each new child** – You can apply for this less than 8 weeks before the expected date of birth or less than 6 weeks after the child is born.

5. **Additional weekly vouchers for pregnant women and children under three:**

- Additional voucher of £3 per week for the duration of pregnancy
- Additional voucher of £5 per week for new baby up to one year old
- Additional voucher of £3 per week for child from age of one until they reach 3 years old

6. **Additional weekly voucher for clothing for children:**

- Additional voucher of £5 per week per child until their 16th birthday

Registered charity numbers: Refugee Action: 283660 Migrant Helpline: 1088631
Scottish Refugee Council: SCO08639 Refugee Council: 1014576 Welsh Refugee Council: 1044885

Other leaflets are available at <http://languages.refugeecouncil.org.uk>

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7. Exceptional specific needs:

- If there is an exceptional need for travel, telephone, postage/stationery or essential living needs, which is not covered by the above, people can apply and must include evidence.

How to apply:

The application form is on the [UKBA*](#) website. Anyone including the accommodation provider can help you make an application to the [UKBA*](#) for extra vouchers. If you are refused, you will not be able to appeal.

1. For case resolution cases (applied for asylum before April 2007):

Fax application form to [Croydon Section 4*](#) team – application form on website:

http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/asylum/case_resolution_section_4_p1.pdf

2. If you have a [NAM caseowner](#) (applied for asylum after April 2007):

Fax application form to regional asylum team case owner

<http://www.bia.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/applicationforms/asylum/section4provision>

Evidence must always be included, for example:

- Evidence of medical needs
- Either a [MATB1*](#), or the birth certificate (where the child is not already registered with [UKBA*](#))

If you have any questions or are having difficulty with an application, please speak to your accommodation provider or contact your local advice agency.

*These words are English names of organisations or other words that cannot be translated. Please ask an advice worker to explain what they mean.