

Listed below are the countries of the world, Stream coded with regards to their legal aid certificate status for refugee and immigration issues.

BASIS of CLAIM (BOC) LIST

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Stream 1

BOC coverage

Stream 2

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A		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Afghanistan	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Albania	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Algeria	BOC coverage	Stream 1
American Samoa	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Andorra	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Angola	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Anguilla	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Antarctica	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Antigua and Barbuda	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Argentina	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Armenia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Political Opinion(opposition to government or journalist) • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

A		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Aruba	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Australia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Austria	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Azerbaijan	BOC coverage	Stream 1

B		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Bahamas	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bahrain	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bangladesh	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Barbados	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Belarus	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Belgium	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Belize	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Benin	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bermuda	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bhutan	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bolivia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Botswana	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Bouvet Island	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Brazil	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
British Indian Ocean Territory	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Brunel Darussalam	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Bulgaria	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Burkina Faso	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

B		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Burma (AKA Myanmar)	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Burundi	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

C		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Cambodia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Cameroon	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Cape Verde	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Cayman Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Central African Republic	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Chad	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Chile	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
China	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Christmas Island	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Colombia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Comoros	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Congo	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Congo: The Democratic Republic	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Cook Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Costa Rica (San Jose)	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Cote D'Ivoire	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Croatia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Cuba	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Cyprus	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Czech Republic	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

D		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Denmark	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Djibouti	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Dominica	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Dominican Republic	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

E		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
East Timor	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Ecuador	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Political Opinion(journalist) • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Egypt	BOC coverage	Stream 1
El Salvador	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Political Opinion (journalist) • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Equatorial Guinea	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Eritrea	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Estonia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Ethiopia	BOC coverage	Stream 1

F		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Faroe Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Fiji	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Finland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

F		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
France	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
French Guiana	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
French Polynesia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
French Southern Territories	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

G		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Gabon	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Gambia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Georgia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Germany	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Ghana	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Gibraltar	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Greece	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Greenland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Grenada	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Guadeloupe	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Guam	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Guatemala	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Political Opinion(opposition to the government) • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Guinea	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Guinea-Bissau	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Guyana	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

H		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Haiti	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Heard and McDonald Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Holy See (Vatican City State)	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Honduras	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Hong Kong	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Hungary	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

I		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Iceland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
India	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Indonesia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Iraq	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Ireland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Israel	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Italy	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Ivory Coast	BOC coverage	Stream 1

J		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Jamaica	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Japan	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Jordan	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Ethnic (Palestinian) • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

K		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Kazakstan	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Kenya	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Kiribati	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Korea, Democratic People's Republic	BOC coverage	Stream 1
South Korea, Republic of	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Kuwait	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stateless (Bedouin) 	Stream 1
Kyrgyzstan	BOC coverage (REF13, ID017)	Stream 1

L		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Latvia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Lebanon	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Lesotho	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Liberia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Liechtenstein	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Lithuania	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Luxembourg	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

M		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Macau	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Madagascar	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Malawi	BOC coverage	Stream 1

M		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Malaysia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Maldives	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mali	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Malta	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Marshall Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Martinique	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mauritania	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Mauritius	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mayotte	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mexico	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Indigenous minorities • Political(journalist) 	Stream 1
Micronesia, Federated States	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Moldova, Republic of	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Monaco	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mongolia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Montserrat	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Morocco	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Mozambique	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Myanmar	BOC coverage	Stream 1

N		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Namibia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Nauru	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Nepal	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Netherlands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Netherlands Antilles	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
New Caledonia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
New Zealand	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Nicaragua	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

N		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Niger	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Nigeria	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Niue	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Norfolk Island	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Northern Mariana Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Norway	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

O		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Oman	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion(Christian) • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1

P		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Pakistan	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Palau	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Palestine	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Panama	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Papua New Guinea	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Paraguay	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Peru	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Philippines	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Pitcairn	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Poland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Portugal	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Puerto Rico	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

Q		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Qatar	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

R		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Reunion	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Romania	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Russian Federation	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethnic (Roma) Gender Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Rwanda	BOC coverage	Stream 1

S		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Saint Helena	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Saint Kitts and Nevis	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Saint Lucia	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Samoa	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
San Marino	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Sao Tome and Principe	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Saudi Arabia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Senegal	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Seychelles	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Sierra Leone	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Singapore	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

S		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Slovakia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Slovenia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Solomon Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Somalia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
South Africa	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Spain	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Sri Lanka – Tamil	BOC coverage	Stream 1
St. George and St. Sandwich Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Sudan	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Suriname	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Svalbard and Jan Mayen	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Swaziland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Sweden	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Switzerland	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Syrian Arab Republic	BOC coverage	Stream 1

T		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Taiwan, Province of China	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Tajikistan	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Tanzania, United Republic of	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Thailand	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Tibet	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Togo	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Tokelau	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Tonga	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Trinidad and Tobago	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
Tunisia	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Turkey	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Turkmenistan	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 2

T		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Turks and Caicos Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Tuvalu	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

U		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Uganda	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Ukraine	BOC coverage only if the following is indicated (SLAR if none of the below indicated): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender • Sexual Orientation 	Stream 1
United Arab Emirates	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
United Kingdom	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
United States	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Uruguay	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
US Minor Outlying Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Uzbekistan	BOC coverage	Stream 1

V		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Vanuatu	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Venezuela	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Viet Nam	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Virgin Islands (British)	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Virgin Islands (US)	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

W		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Wallis and Fortuna Islands	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Western Sahara	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2

Y		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Yemen	BOC coverage	Stream 1
Yugoslavia (now Serbia)	BOC coverage	Stream 1

Z		
Country	Procedure	Stream Code
Zaire	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Zambia	Merit Assessment (SLAR)	Stream 2
Zimbabwe	BOC coverage	Stream 1

Notes:

SLAR: Summary Legal Advice Refugee Law

Gender based claims include any of the following reasons listed below:

1. Domestic Violence
2. Rape/Sexual Assault
3. Incest
4. Genital Mutilation
5. Honour Crimes
6. Forced Marriages