



An Binse um Achomhairc i dtaobh Cosaint Idirnáisiúnta
The International Protection Appeals Tribunal

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UNHCR Eligibility Guidelines

1. Every appeal before the Tribunal requires to be assessed on its own facts and merits.
2. Credible and trustworthy country of origin information plays a vital role in the decision making process of the Tribunal.
3. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees issues *Eligibility Guidelines*, from time to time, to promote the accurate interpretation and application of refugee criteria and to assist decision makers in assessing claims for international protection.
4. As and from the date of this guidance note, Tribunal Members should take account of the following guidelines in deciding appeals
 - a. UNHCR Eligibility Guidelines for Assessing the International Protection Needs of Members of Religious Minorities from Pakistan, January 2017.
 - b. UNHCR Eligibility Guidelines for Assessing the International Protection Needs of Asylum-Seekers from Afghanistan, April 2016.
5. The guidelines are available at <http://www.refworld.org.html>
6. This guideline is Issued pursuant to S.63(2) of the International Protection Act 2015.

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