**Legal Frameworks facilitating Refugee Status Determination**

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| **Legal Framework** | **Purpose** |
| *Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol* | Nauru became a party to both the *Convention* and its *Protocol* on 28 of June 2011 |
| *Asylum Seekers (Regional Processing Centre) Act 2012*  <https://www.unhcr.org/protection/basic/3b73b0d63/states-parties-1951-convention-its-1967-protocol.html> | The Act is to regulate the operations of the RPC’s; establish certain protections of asylum seekers and impose duties on managing bodies |
| *Refugee Convention Act 2012*  <http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/5043dca85c859b2153ca08e48848b473.pdf> | Domesticates the *Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol.* |
| Amendments to the *Immigration Act 2014* and Regulations  <http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/5043dca85c859b2153ca08e48848b473.pdf>  <http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/bec3e611bdfa28b11750874f56013253.pdf> | Sanctions the order for removal of a person from Nauru by the Minister who has a valid application before the Secretary pursuant to *Section 5*of the *Refugees Convention Act 2012* or any determination that needs to be finalized before the Tribunal or Supreme Court of Nauru. |
| *Passports Act 2011* and Regulations  <http://ronlaw.gov.nr/nauru_lpms/files/acts/876fb731255b8aa34b169c026a29392d.pdf> | Allowing for the application of refugee travel documents. |
| Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Nauru and Commonwealth of Australia | Allowing the collaboration of Nauru and Australia in the processing of asylum seekers and resettlement of refugees.  The institutions in the Republic responsible for  the processing of refugee status for asylum  seekers are as follows:   1. Determination of refugee status by Secretary; 2. Refugee Status Determination Tribunal (RSD); 3. Supreme Court of Nauru sitting as the appeals body from decision of the Tribunal; 4. Until May 2018, the High Court of Australia was the final appellate court for appeals from the decisions of the Supreme Court of Nauru. Currently, the final appellate court is the Nauru Court of Appeal. Statistics are shown in Annex 8. There were a total of 139 matters determined of which 86 were dismissed, 27 remitted following hearing and 26 remitted by consent. 112 proceeded to hearing of which 4 judgements were reserved, 81 dismissed and 27 remitted. There are 15 matters not yet listed for hearing. 22 appeals at the High Court of Australia were dismissed and 1 was remitted in 2017. Of the23 matters that were determined at the High Court, 6 appeals were dismissed, 12 were allowed and 5 were remitted by consent. |