



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A39 Refugee Application Form

Data owner	Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner (www.orac.ie)
Brief description	Applicant completes form as a declaration that he or she is an applicant for refugee status. Data collected include personal details of the applicant and relevant family members such as spouse/partner and, if applicable, child/children. The form is signed and dated by the applicant.
Primary function of data	Form used to seek declaration of refugee status in order to enter and reside in the State as a refugee.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; DOB; Nationality
Themes/domains	Justice; Demographics
Unit of observation	Individual or family applicant for refugee status
Start date of data collection	Not known. ORAC was established in November 2000 under the 1996 Refugee Act (as amended).
Frequency of data collection	Continuous
Data format	Separate record for each individual or family
Method of data collection	Paper-based application form, which forms the basis of each applicant's file.
Access/further information	Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner (ORAC): www.orac.ie E-mail: oracmail@orac.ie Publications available at: http://www.orac.ie/website/orac/oracwebsite.nsf/page/publications-main-en
Notes	Under the 1996 Refugee Act, the Commissioner is required to investigate each asylum application lodged within the State and to make recommendations to the Minister for Justice and Equality. The Commissioner is also responsible for investigating applications by refugees to allow family members to enter and reside in the State, and for providing a report to the Minister on such applications.