



Change of conditions applications

It is possible to apply to the Home Office to remove the NRPF condition from a person's leave to remain. If the application is successful, you will be able to access all welfare benefits and housing assistance for the remaining period of their leave. You must have been granted limited leave to remain for 2.5 years granted under Rule 276ADE or paragraph EX.1 of Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules or outside of the immigration rules because of exceptional circumstances, often relating to family and private life. You can also make a CoC application if you are 'a Hong Kong BN(O) status holder or a family member of a BN(O) status holder'.

If you are on the '5-year route to settlement' but need recourse to public funds, the Home Office may or may not decide to move you to the '10-year route to settlement' when they remove the NRPF condition, so it is important to get immigration advice.

You will need to demonstrate that you are destitute or at risk of becoming destitute. Alternatively, you can demonstrate there are strong reasons related to the welfare of your child due to your very low income or other exceptional circumstances relating to your financial situation.

There is no fee to make this application. However, there is also no legal aid available, and it can be difficult to find solicitors able to help with the application. Supporting people to make these applications constitutes immigration advice. As such, it is an activity by regulated by the Office of Immigration Services Commissioner and should only be undertaken by registered immigration advisers.

More information and guidance for individuals is available here:

<https://www.project17.org.uk/resources/nrpf-lift-applications/>

The Unity Project assists people to make change of conditions applications

<https://www.unity-project.org.uk/>