



**Important Notice regarding the making of applications for Subsidiary Protection
by Applicants for Refugee Status.**

1. In light of the Court of Justice of the European Union ruling in the case of H. N. v. The Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Ireland and the Attorney General, the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 426 of 2013) are to be amended.
2. Pending the coming into force of the amended Regulations, and with immediate effect, the following arrangements apply with a view to complying with the Court's ruling:
 - Any person who currently has an application for refugee status pending may also make an application for subsidiary protection in the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner (ORAC),
 - Any person who makes a new application for refugee status may also make an application for subsidiary protection in ORAC.
3. Such applications for subsidiary protection will be determined by ORAC in accordance with the provisions of the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations, 2013 (S.I. No. 426 of 2013) and will be investigated should the person's application for refugee status be refused by the Minister for Justice and Equality.
4. In the case of the two categories of persons mentioned above, and pending the coming into force of the amended Regulations, an application for subsidiary protection can be made by submitting a completed ORAC Form SP/01 (Application form for subsidiary protection declaration under the European Union (Subsidiary Protection) Regulations 2013), either
 - in person at the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner, Timberlay House, 79-83 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2,
OR
 - by post to ORAC Customer Service Centre, Timberlay House, 79-83 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2.
5. A further update will be provided on the websites of ORAC and the Department of Justice and Equality when the amended Regulations are finalised.

Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

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