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## Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme, Australian Red Cross Victoria

### Summary

Operated by Australian Red Cross Victoria since 1993 and funded by the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Asylum Seeker Assistance Scheme provides services to asylum seekers who have cleared immigration and remain lawfully in the community while their application for refugee status is being processed.

In Victoria, caseworkers work with asylum seekers in the community providing the following support:

- Crisis intervention and needs assessment
  - Administration of some emergency relief and financial assistance
  - Access to health care and pharmaceutical programs
  - Referral to other agencies (legal, medical, specialist counselling, social, education, material-aid, housing)
- General casework support and advocacy

### Published resources

#### Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

### Archival resources

#### Australian Red Cross Victoria Archives

[The Archive & Heritage Collection of the Australian Red Cross](#)

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