



## BASIS OF CLAIM (BOC) DESCRIPTION

The Basis of Claim Form, BOC asks questions about the basis of the claim through several questions. The following document will explain each section of the BOC:

<b>Sections of BOC form</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Section 1: Who You Are</b>	In this section you must provide general information about yourself, such as date of birth, sex/gender, nationality, religion and language.
<b>Section 2: Details About Your Claim</b>	In this section you must describe in detail the reasons for your refugee claim. Unlike the narrative section of the PIF, Section 2 of the BoC is comprised of leading questions. It includes broad questions that allow you to describe the reasons for your claim (e.g. “If you returned to your country today, do you believe you would experience harm or mistreatment or threats by anyone?”), as well as more specific questions assessing the validity of the claim (e.g. “Did you move to another part of your country to seek safety?”). Importantly, there is a final open question which allows you to supply any other relevant information.
<b>Section 3: Why You Are Claiming Refugee Protection in Canada</b>	In this section you must provide the name(s) of the country or countries against which you are claiming refugee protection, and select under which grounds you are making the claim (e.g. fear of persecution, risk to life or risk of cruel and unusual treatment, or risk of torture).
<b>Section 4: Your Status in Other Countries</b>	In this section you must list all countries in which you have lived since birth, when you lived in them, and the status (e.g. citizen, permanent resident, etc) you had/have in each country.
<b>Section 5: Your Family</b>	In this section you must provide details of all immediate family, living or dead.



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<b>Section 6: Previous Claim</b>	In this section you must provide details of any previous refugee claims made in any country (including Canada), or applications for recognition as a refugee to UNHCR, by yourself or any of the relatives listed in Section 5.
<b>Section 7: Where You Have Travelled</b>	In this section you must provide details of all countries you have travelled to in the past 10 years, including countries you passed through on your route to Canada.
<b>Section 8: Your Documents</b>	In this section you must provide details of all documents which you have now or can obtain. This includes identity and travel documents, as well as any other documents such as medical, psychological or police documents.
<b>Section 9: Visa Applications</b>	In this section you must provide details of any Canadian visa for which you have applied (e.g. which type, date of issue or refusal, and reason for refusal).
<b>Section 10: Where You Can Be Contacted In Canada</b>	In this section you must provide your current contact information (address and telephone number).
<b>Section 11: Your Counsel Information</b>	In this section you must provide details of the person assisting you with your claim (if you have one).
<b>Section 12: Language and Interpreter</b>	In this section you must choose whether you would like the IRB to communicate with you in English or French, and you can request an interpreter for your hearing.
<b>Your Declaration As A Claimant</b>	In this section you must sign to declare that all information given is true and correct. There are separate declarations for those who completed the form on their own and those who used an interpreter.
<b>Interpreter`s Declaration</b>	In this section the interpreter must sign to declare that their interpretation was accurate and that the claimant indicated that they understood everything.

*All members of your family must provide their own BOC form. Children 6 years old or younger only need to complete BOC part 1, "Who You Are." Application for an extension of time for BoC submission must be made no later than 3 working days before the date when the BOC is due. Extensions are granted only for fairness and natural justice reasons.*