

Topic: **Rights & Responsibilities**
(International Organization for Migration, Overseas Processing Entity, Bangkok)

Activity: **Rights and Responsibilities Discussion and Charting Exercise: Your Rights**

Introduction	Refugees may have few rights in their first country of asylum; they will not know their rights upon entry to the U.S., and the responsibilities they have toward the society.
Objectives	By the end of this unit, participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe their legal status at each of the three stages• Describe the requirements of becoming a citizen• Identify their responsibilities toward American society
Lesson Time	15-25 minutes
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laminated cards (large enough to be seen from the back of the room) listing the various rights refugees will have in the U.S.• Flipchart paper• Markers
Practice	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Before the class, prepare three sheets of flip chart paper. On each sheet, list the status (refugee, Legal Permanent Resident [LPR], citizen).2. Ask participants what rights they have and don't have in their country of asylum. You may want to write these down on the board, under two columns ("Rights we have" and "Rights we don't have"). This will re-enforce the fact that refugees have few rights in Thailand.3. Explain that, in the US, they can have 3 statuses: refugees (1st year), then, after one year they can apply to become legal permanent residents (LPRs), and finally, after 5 years in the US, they can apply for citizenship. We'll now look at the rights associated with each status.4. Tape the three flip chart papers on the wall; lay out all the 'rights' cards on a table, or on the floor, for all participants to see.5. Tell participants you will start with 'refugee' status. Ask them to tape on the 'refugee' paper all the rights they can expect as refugees.6. Once they're done, remove any rights that do not belong, add any rights that do belong.7. Explain that for LPR status, they keep all the rights of refugees but that now they have additional rights. They are to tape up the additional rights on the "LPR" paper.8. Finally, do the same for the citizenship status paper.

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