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Council of Ministers Decision No. (13) of 2019

on Specifying the Conditions and Controls of Privileges and Rights Enjoyed by the Political Refugee

The Council of Ministers,

After having perused the Constitution,

Law No. (11) of 2018 on Regulating the Political Asylum,

Emiri Decision No. (29) of 1996 on the Council of Ministers Decisions to be Submitted to the Emir for Ratification and Issuance, and

The proposal of the Minister of Interior,

Has decided the following:

Article 1

In applying the provisions of this Decision, the following word and expression shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context otherwise requires:

Competent Department: Human Rights Department in the Ministry of Interior.

Department : General Directorate of Passports in the Ministry of Interior.





Article 2

The political refugee shall enjoy the privileges and rights stipulated in Article 9 of Law No. (11) of 2018 referred to, in accordance with the provisions of the following Articles.

Article 3

The political refugee may bring in his/her spouse and first-degree family members, according to the following:

1. Submitting the bringing request to the Competent Department.
2. Children of the political refugee shall not have more than 18 years of age to be brought into the country.
3. The Competent Department shall forward the application to the Department to take the appropriate action thereon.
4. The Competent Department shall notify the political refugee of any updates regarding the application he/she submitted.

Article 4

The political refugee shall have freedom of movement and travel, according to the following:

1. The political refugee and his/her family members shall be allowed to leave the country and to return to it during the validity period of their residency permits.
2. The political refugee shall notify the Committee for Political Refugees Affairs before he/she travels abroad.





3. The political refugee or any of his/her family members shall not remain outside the country for more than six consecutive months.

Article 5

The political refugee shall be entitled to a monthly subsidy until a job opportunity becomes available to him/her, according to the following:

1. The minimum monthly subsidy for the political refugee shall be an amount of (3000) three thousand Riyals, and an amount of (800) eight hundred Riyals for his/her spouse and for each of his/her children under the age of 18.
2. The political refugee shall submit a request to the Competent Department stating therein the number of his/her family members and their corresponding ages.
3. The Competent Department shall forward the request to the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs for the appropriate action thereon.
4. The Competent Department shall notify the political refugee of any updates regarding the application he/she submitted.

Article 6

The political refugee shall be entitled to a job opportunity available to him/her, according to the following:

1. The political refugee shall be allowed to work in the State except for state security-related jobs.





2. The political refugee shall submit a request for the provision of a job opportunity, to the Competent Department, stating therein his/her educational qualification and professional experience, along with the supporting documents.
3. The Competent Department shall forward the request to the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs to provide a suitable job opportunity for the political refugee in accordance with his/her qualifications and professional experience.
4. The Competent Department shall notify the political refugee of any updates regarding the request he/she submitted.

In case the political refugee has obtained a job opportunity, the monthly subsidy prescribed in accordance with the provisions of this Decision shall be suspended.

Article 7

The political refugee shall be entitled to accommodation available to him/her along with his/her spouse and family members, according to the following:

1. The housing provided to the political refugee and his/her spouse and family members shall accommodate every two or three persons in one room.
2. The political refugee shall submit a request to the Competent Department for the provision of an accommodation, stating therein the number of his/her family members and their corresponding ages.
3. The Competent Department shall forward the request to the Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs to take the appropriate action thereon.





4. The Competent Department shall notify the political refugee of any updates regarding the request he/she submitted.

Article 8

The political refugee shall be entitled to health care, according to the following:

1. The residency permits of the political refugee his/her spouse and family members shall be valid.
2. The health cards of the political refugee his/her spouse and family members shall be valid, otherwise they will be considered as visitors.
3. No fees shall be payable for the following treatment services:
 - Emergencies and accidents requiring hospitalization of the patient.
 - Preventive services in the field of maternal and child health.
 - Preventive services in the field of school health for students.
 - Infectious diseases and vaccination services.

Article 9

The political refugee shall be entitled to have access to education, according to the following:

1. The residency permits of the political refugee his/her spouse and family members shall be valid.
2. The political refugee and his/her spouse and family members who hold the residency permits shall be allowed to enroll in public educational institutions inside the State when the conditions prescribed for admission and enrolling therein are met.





3. Adequate proficiency in Arabic language is required for admission to the Government schools.
4. The political refugee his/her spouse and family members shall be exempted from fees of schoolbooks and transportation in public schools, until he/she obtains a job opportunity in accordance with the provisions of this Decision.

Article 10¹

The political refugee shall be entitled to obtain a travel document, according to the following:

1. The political refugee shall submit a request to the Competent Department to obtain a travel document, and specify therein the countries to which he/she wishes to travel.
2. Nationality and Travel Documents Department shall issue the travel document for the political refugee, according to the data of the residency permit. The document's form and specifications shall be according to the form prepared for such purpose.
3. Travel document may be issued to the political refugee's spouse and children under the age of 18, in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Nationality and Travel Documents Department.
4. The validity period of the travel document shall be two years, renewable for further similar period or periods, provided that it shall not exceed the validity period of the residency permit.

¹ Amended upon Law No. 36 of 2020.





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5. The political refugee shall not be allowed to leave the country without the travel document granted to him/her in accordance with the provisions of this Decision.
6. In case the travel document is lost or damaged, the Nationality and Travel Documents Department shall be notified within fifteen days from the date of the knowledge of such loss or damage. If the political refugee is outside the country, he/she shall inform the nearest police station and the nearest diplomatic mission of the State abroad within fifteen days from the date of the knowledge.
7. A political refugee, spouse and family members thereof are exempted from the fees for issuing a travel document, until obtaining a job opportunity in accordance with the provisions of this decision.

Article 11

All competent authorities, each within its respective jurisdiction, shall implement this Decision. It shall be published in the Official Gazette.

Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani

Chairman of the Council of Ministers

We ratify this Decision and it shall be issued.

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