

Reasonable Fear QA Review Checklist

ASYLUM OFFICE				
A number				
DECISION (circle one):				
Reasonable fear of persecution found/Reasonable fear of torture found/withdrawal request				
QUALITY ASSURANCE				
QA Reviewer (name)				
Date				
Asylum Officer (AO)				
Name				
ID Number				
Supervisory Asylum Officer (SAO)				
Name				
ID Number				
YES NO N/A COMMENTS				
SYSTEMS				
1. Is biographical and decisional information correct in APSS?				
JURISDICTION				
2. Reinstatements: Are I-871 and supporting documents complete and correct?				
3. Administrative removals: Are I-851, I-851A and supporting documents complete and correct?				
4. When necessary, were ABC class membership/eligibility issues properly identified and addressed?				
DOCUMENTS/FORMS				
5. Are all required documents included and completed correctly?				
6. Is the I-899 filled out correctly?				
RECORD OF INTERVIEW				
7. Were applicant (and interpreter, where applicable) placed under oath?				
8. Are notes in proper sworn statement format?				
9. Does record reflect that the APSO explored all possible aspects of the applicant's claim?				
WRITTEN DECISION				
10. Does the record reflect that the SAPSO reviewed the decision?				
11. Does assessment include all required components?				
12. Is biographic/entry information correct?				
13. Is procedural history correct?				
14. Is summary of testimony supported by the record?				

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Credibility				
15. Does the record sufficiently support the credibility determination?				
16. Positive credibility finding: Does the record sufficiently support a finding that the applicant is credible?				
17. Adverse credibility finding: Does the record sufficiently support a finding that the applicant is not credible, and that he/she was given an opportunity to address inconsistencies and/or discrepancies in testimony?				
18. Adverse credibility finding: Are factors which led to the negative credibility finding properly identified and analyzed?				
Past persecution				
19. Does the assessment properly consider all evidence to determine whether the applicant established past persecution?				
20. Identifies any harm experienced				
21. Analyzes whether or not any harm is serious enough to rise to the level of persecution				
22. Identifies any agent, actor or entity that harmed the applicant				
23. If agent or entity is a non-state actor, properly analyzes inability/unwillingness of government to protect applicant from the harm feared				
24. Identifies and correctly analyzes nexus to protected ground				
25. Analyzes any evidence to rebut presumption of a reasonable fear in the future				
Future persecution				
26. If the applicant did not claim/establish past persecution, does the record sufficiently support the determination that the applicant does/does not have a reasonable fear of future persecution?				
27. Properly considers all evidence to determine whether the applicant has established a reasonable fear of future persecution.				
28. Properly identifies and analyzed feared harm				
29. Properly identifies any agent, actor or entity that is feared by the applicant.				
30. If agent or entity is a non-state actor, properly analyzes inability/unwillingness of government to protect applicant from the harm feared				
31. Identifies and analyzes nexus to protected ground				
32. Analyzes reasonable relocation if reasonable fear established				

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Past torture				
33. Analyzes whether the harm reached the level of severity required to constitute torture.				
34. Identifies whether the harm was inflicted by a government official or at the instigation of a government official or by someone acting with the acquiescence of the government.				
35. Identifies whether the applicant was in the custody or physical control of the torturer.				
36. Identifies whether the harm was intended to severe physical or mental pain or suffering.				
37. Analyzes whether or not the harm was the result of lawful sanctions enforced against the applicant.				
38. Properly considers any past experience of torture as probative of a reasonable fear of future torture, and whether a preponderance of the evidence establishes that there is no reasonable possibility the applicant would be tortured in the future.				
Future torture				
39. Analyzes whether the harm feared would rise to the level of severity required to constitute torture.				
40. Identifies whether the harm would be inflicted by a government official or at the instigation of a government official or by someone acting with the acquiescence of the government.				
41. Identifies reasonable possibility of whether the applicant would be in the custody or physical control of the torturer.				
42. Identifies whether the feared harm would be intended to cause severe physical or mental pain or suffering.				
43. Analyzes whether feared harm would be the result of lawful sanctions enforced against the applicant.				
44. Properly consider country conditions information as required.				
Bars				
45. Identifies and analyzes any potential bars to withholding.				
46. Correctly states applicabilty of bars in the context of a reasonable fear screening.				
47. Is written determination clear, concise and objective?				
WITHDRAWALS				
48. Does the record indicate that the applicant's request was made knowingly and voluntarily?				
49. DOES THE RECORD SUPPORT THAT THE DECISION IS LEGALLY SUFFICIENT?				
50. Is the case free of errors that are not identified elsewhere on the checklist?				