

Information on No Recourse to Public Funds for staff

What is NRPF?

NRPF stands for No Recourse to Public Funds. It is a condition placed on someone's immigration status, which stops them accessing mainstream benefits.

Who does it apply to?

NRPF applies to people who may be subject to immigration control but may also affect someone who has no immigration status (also can be referred to as 'undocumented').

We don't know how many people are affected by NRPF but most migrants in the UK have NRPF applied to their visa. We estimate it could be around 1.4m adults and around 175,000 children.

How do you have no immigration status?

You might have no immigration status if your visa has expired and then you haven't reapplied on time or you have been refused by the Home Office when you have applied.

Can you have a valid visa and still have NRPF?

Yes, you can receive NRPF as part of your visa. This is where you have received 'limited leave to remain' but with NRPF, so you are able to work but not able to claim benefits. This is one of the most common forms of 'leave to remain' given in the UK.

Further information and support can be found on:

childrenssociety.org.uk/lifeline-for-all

nrpfnetwork.org.uk/

unity-project.org.uk/

project17.org.uk/



Can a child have British citizenship or leave to remain and still be impacted by NRPF?

Yes, if the main carer of the British child is subject to NRPF restrictions, then this may also have an impact on the child as the parent/guardian may not be entitled to benefits, e.g. child benefit.

As of March 2022, children from families with NRPF (on their visa or who have no immigration status) can access Free School Meals if the family incomes meet the income thresholds.

How does having NRPF impact on families?

Having NRPF will result in a person not being able to access mainstream benefits such as universal credit, housing assistance, child benefit etc. In many cases, this can cause families to face financial difficulties.

Can having NRPF result in a family falling into financial difficulty?

Yes, for example the parent/s may be unable to work for a number of reasons, but without access to benefits this can result in the family becoming destitute.

How are we able to assist as members of staff?

As the attached document outlines, children who are affected by NRPF may be entitled to Free School Meals following a recent government announcement. Families with NRPF may not know that their children are now entitled to Free School Meals. It would be helpful if this information is disseminated to them. We appreciate that time and knowledge around this area may be limited. We hope the enclosed documents will assist.