

# The Migrants' Law Project

## Factsheet: The immigration legal system

- Some decisions by the immigration authorities come with a right of appeal. These appeals include consideration of the facts of the case and the relevant legal framework.
- Other decisions have a restricted right of appeal where the applicant can only appeal on certain limited grounds.
- Many other decisions have no right of appeal. However, in some circumstances it may be possible to pursue a judicial review against a decision if it is arguable that the decision was unlawful.
- The law is regulated by a system of courts and tribunals at progressively senior levels. The higher courts' decisions are binding on lower courts and decision-makers. Permission to appeal is required in all but the First-tier Tribunal (IAC).
- Sources of law include:
  - Primary legislation
  - Secondary legislation
  - Common law (court judgments)
  - European law
  - International law
  - Rules of practice and policy

