



The basics

It is important to have an understanding of who can and who can't be self-employed in the UK. Refugees are entitled to work; most asylum-seekers are not. Self-employment is, however, a realistic employment option for refugees, and while they face specific problems, there are a number of factors that can support them in becoming successful.

The aim of this introduction is to:

- Explain the rights of an asylum-seeker and a refugee
- Understand why refugees go into business
- Describe the problems that refugees face in self-employment
- Give information on the background of refugees in the UK



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