# The Principle of Non-refoulement in Practice Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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| **Category** | Migration and Refugee | **Duration** | 5 Days |
| **Base Fee** | $1,500 USD | **Delivery Mode** | Online / On-site Hybrid |

## Course Introduction

The Principle of Non-refoulement is a cornerstone of international refugee law and human rights protection, prohibiting the forced return of individuals to countries where they face persecution, torture, or inhumane treatment. The Principle of Non-refoulement in Practice Training Course provides in-depth knowledge of the legal framework, case law, and practical implementation strategies to ensure compliance with global standards, including the 1951 Refugee Convention, the UN Convention Against Torture, and regional human rights instruments.

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## Programme Curriculum

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**Course Objectives**

1. Understand the legal foundation of the non-refoulement principle.
2. Analyze international treaties and regional human rights systems.
3. Apply non-refoulement standards in asylum procedures.
4. Identify and prevent human rights violations linked to forced return.
5. Assess case law and jurisprudence on non-refoulement.
6. Develop risk assessment strategies for vulnerable groups.
7. Strengthen border management practices aligned with international law.
8. Interpret jurisdictional challenges in cross-border migration.
9. Apply best practices in refugee protection and asylum policy.
10. Enhance institutional accountability and compliance.
11. Integrate non-refoulement safeguards into national legislation.
12. Design training and advocacy strategies for stakeholders.
13. Promote ethical and humanitarian approaches to migration management.

**Organizational Benefits**

- Strengthen compliance with international law.
- Minimize legal and reputational risks.
- Improve institutional refugee protection frameworks.
- Enhance border and migration management systems.
- Increase staff capacity in handling asylum cases.
- Build credibility with international partners.
- Foster human rights-based decision-making.
- Reduce exposure to international litigation.
- Promote organizational accountability and ethics.
- Contribute to sustainable migration governance.

**Target Audience**

- Legal professionals & human rights lawyers
- Policymakers & government officials
- Immigration officers & border authorities
- NGO & humanitarian workers
- Refugee protection advocates
- Law enforcement personnel
- Academic researchers & students
- International organization staff

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**Course Modules**

**Module 1: Foundations of Non-refoulement**

- Origins and evolution of the principle
- The 1951 Refugee Convention & 1967 Protocol
- Role of international human rights law
- Key jurisprudence and UNHCR guidelines
- Practical implications for states
- **Case Study: Soering v. United Kingdom (ECHR)**

**Module 2: International Legal Frameworks**

- UN Convention Against Torture (CAT)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
- European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR)
- African Charter & Inter-American human rights systems
- Interplay of treaties in asylum protection
- **Case Study: Chahal v. United Kingdom (ECHR)**

**Module 3: Non-refoulement in Asylum Procedures**

- Legal safeguards in refugee status determination
- Evidentiary standards for protection
- Role of credibility assessments
- Access to effective remedies
- Protection of vulnerable groups (women, children, minorities)
- **Case Study: Hirsi Jamaa v. Italy (ECHR)**

**Module 4: Jurisdictional & Territorial Challenges**

- Extraterritorial application of non-refoulement
- Maritime interdiction & pushbacks
- Safe third-country arrangements
- Challenges in transit zones
- The role of international courts
- **Case Study: MSS v. Belgium and Greece (ECHR)**

**Module 5: Border Management & Human Rights**

- Balancing sovereignty and refugee protection
- Humanitarian border practices
- Non-refoulement and detention policies
- Screening & referral systems
- Accountability in enforcement agencies
- **Case Study: Australia?ÇÖs Offshore Processing Policies**

**Module 6: State Responsibility & Accountability**

- Individual vs. collective expulsions
- State liability under international law
- Non-refoulement in counter-terrorism measures
- Diplomatic assurances and their risks
- Institutional oversight mechanisms
- **Case Study: Agiza v. Sweden (CAT Committee)**

**Module 7: National Implementation Strategies**

- Integrating safeguards into domestic law
- Monitoring compliance mechanisms
- Collaboration with UNHCR and NGOs
- Role of national courts and tribunals
- Advocacy for policy reform
- **Case Study: Canada?ÇÖs Refugee Determination System**

**Module 8: Best Practices & Future Trends**

- Innovative approaches in refugee protection
- Regional cooperation frameworks
- Role of technology in asylum processing
- Emerging challenges in climate-induced displacement
- Strengthening advocacy and training programs
- **Case Study: The EU-Turkey Migration Deal**

**Training Methodology**

- Interactive lectures combining theory and practice.
- Case study analysis of landmark rulings.
- Group discussions and role plays for active learning.
- Practical exercises on asylum procedures.
- Multimedia presentations and expert guest speakers.
- Assessment tools for evaluating understanding.

**Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount**

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***Certification***

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

***Tailor-Made Course***

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

**Key Notes**

**a.** The participant must be conversant with English.

**b.** Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

**c.** Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

**d.** The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

**e.** One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

**f.** Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date | End Date | Location | Price |
|---|---|---|---|
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Online | $1,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $1,500 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $3,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $4,500 |
| **23 Nov 2026** | 27 Nov 2026 | Physical | $6,000 |
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