



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

REFUGEE CONVENTION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024

No. 20 of 2024

An Act to amend the *Refugee Convention Act 2012* and for other related purposes.

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Enacted by the Parliament of Nauru as follows:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date it is certified by the Speaker.

3 Amendment of the Refugee Convention Act 2012

The *Refugee Convention Act 2012* is amended by the provisions of this Act.

4 Amendment of Section 31

Section 31(2)(a) is amended by deleting '28' and substituting with '21'.

5 Amendment of Section 33

Section 33(1) is amended by deleting '90' and substituting with '60'.

6 Amendment of Section 43

Section 43(3) is amended by deleting '42' and substituting with '21'.

7 Amendment of Section 46

Section 46(1) is amended by deleting '90' and substituting with '60'.

8 Insertion of new Section 56

A new Section 56 is inserted after Section 55 as follows:

'56 Transitional provision relating to the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*

- (1) The period of time specified in Section 31(2)(a) of the Act prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, shall continue to apply in respect of determinations made by the Secretary under Section 6 of the Act prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, notwithstanding that an application for review is filed after the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*.
- (2) The period of time specified in Section 43(3) of the Act prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, shall continue to apply in respect of decisions made by the Tribunal under Section 34 of the Act prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, notwithstanding that an appeal is

filed after the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*.

- (3) Where the Supreme Court or the Nauru Court of Appeal directs that a matter be re-considered by the Tribunal prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, such matter shall be subject to the period under Section 46 prior to the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*, notwithstanding that the direction is made after the commencement of the *Refugee Convention (Amendment) Act 2024*.