



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to inform social services districts (districts) of an employment resource for non-citizens, including asylum seekers. The NYSDOL is helping to connect asylum seekers to employment opportunities so they can begin working immediately after obtaining federal employment authorization. All asylum seekers with employment authorization in New York State can now register for assistance through NYSDOL.

The NYSDOL has launched a portal in order to facilitate this connection to employment opportunities. The portal allows asylum seekers to request career assistance and allows businesses to inform the State that they would welcome newly-employment authorized individuals into their workforce. The NYSDOL portal can be accessed at: [Asylum Seeker Employment Efforts | Department of Labor \(ny.gov\)](#).

Other resources for asylum seekers gathered by the NYSDOL can be found here: [Asylum Seekers Resources and Self-Service Tools | Department of Labor \(ny.gov\)](#).