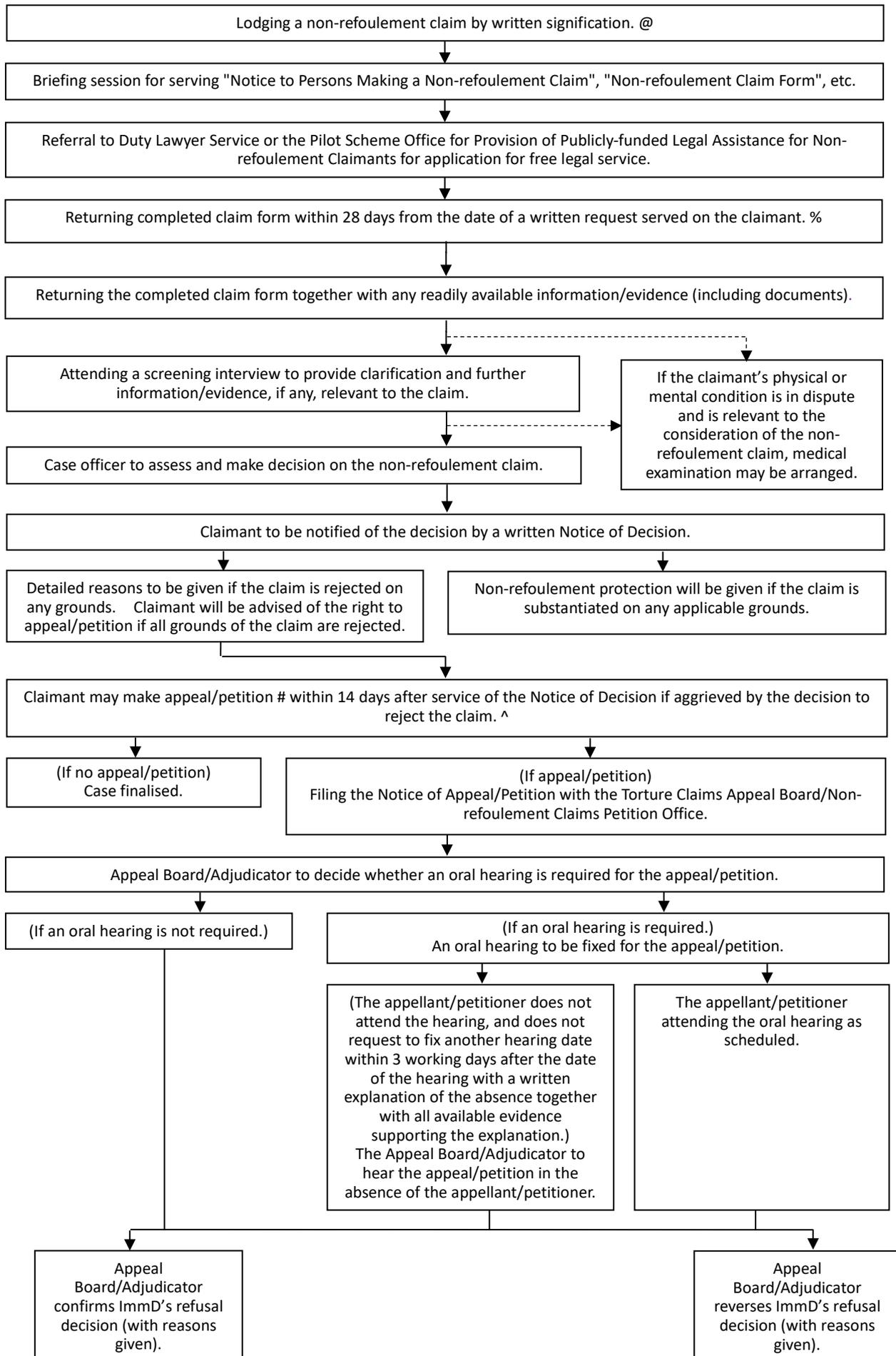


**Processing Non-refoulement Claims under the Unified Screening Mechanism (USM) \***



Notes:

\* This flow chart is intended for a quick glance of the screening process of non-refoulement claims under the USM. It should not be taken as a formal or comprehensive reference of all the procedural steps involved. Please refer to the "Notice to Persons Making a Non-refoulement Claim" for the details.

[https://www.immd.gov.hk/pdf/notice\\_non-refoulement\\_claim\\_en.pdf](https://www.immd.gov.hk/pdf/notice_non-refoulement_claim_en.pdf).

@ The written signification must give a general indication of the reasons for claiming non-refoulement protection to enable Immigration Department (ImmD) to consider if claim may be made under the USM. Photograph and fingerprints taking will be arranged for the claimant to formally make the claim.

% Time extension for returning the completed claim form may only be allowed if the case officer is satisfied that the claimant has exercised, or had exercised, all due diligence to return the completed claim form but will not be able to, or failed to, do so within the time limit because of circumstances beyond the claimant's control. Failure to return the completed claim form will result in the claim being deemed withdrawn.

# For details of the appeal/petition process, please refer to the website of the Torture Claims Appeal Board/Non-refoulement Claims Petition Office at <http://www.sb.gov.hk/eng/links/tcab/index.htm>.

^ If the appeal/petition is filed after the expiry of the 14-day appeal/petition period, the Appeal Board/Adjudicator must decide, as a preliminary decision without a hearing, whether the Appeal Board/Adjudicator will allow the late filing of the Notice of Appeal/Petition.

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