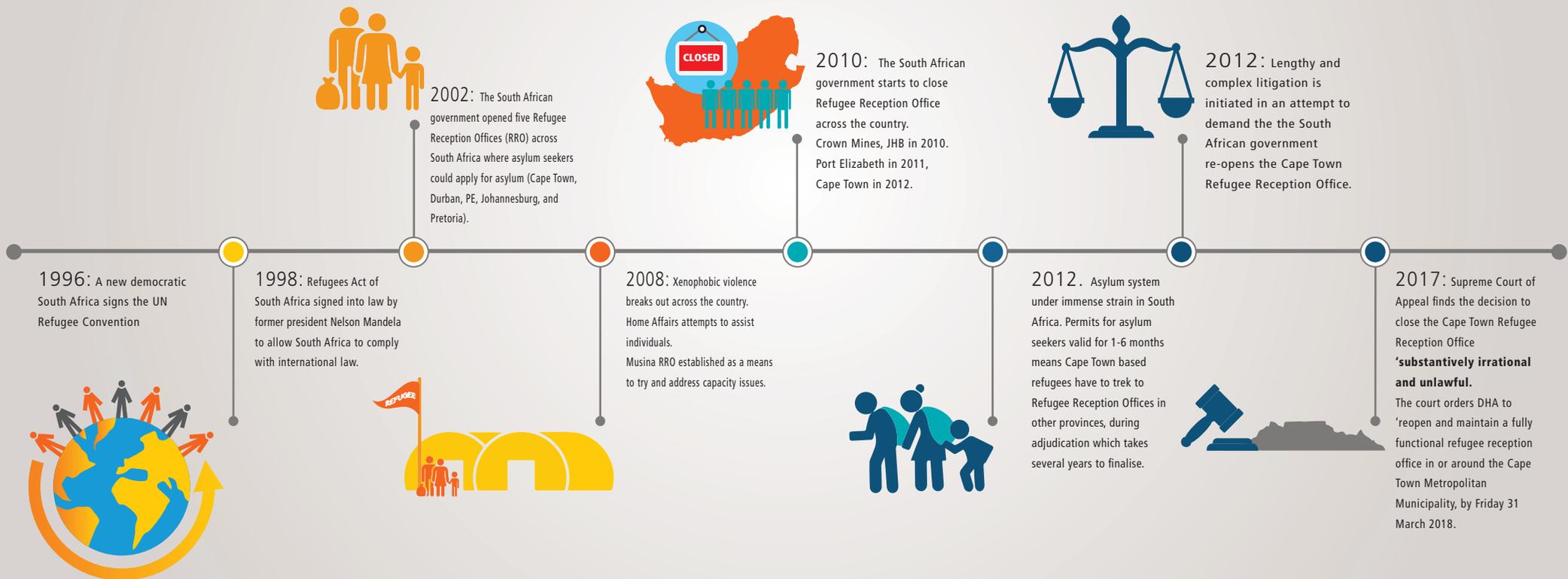


A Timeline of Refugee Rights in South Africa

What Life Without a Refugee Reception Office Means

For a person seeking asylum access to a Refugee Reception Office is a matter of survival. Without an office in Cape Town, asylum seekers must travel to Pretoria, Durban or Musina every two to six months to renew their papers. This is a journey which must be completed with every member of a family seeking asylum, again and again until their final status can be determined. This is a process which takes five years on average and in some instances up to eighteen or twenty. Last year the Supreme Court of Appeal ordered the Department of Home Affairs to re-open the Refugee Reception Office by 31 March 2018. We have yet to see any signs of this ruling being implemented. This is something which we cannot accept. The Refugee Reception Office in Cape Town must re-open, now.



To date there are no signs of the RRO (Refugee Reception Office) in Cape Town being reopened.