



What to expect?



MY ASYLUM APPLICATION



While you wait for a decision, **don't leave** to go to another country without approval.

- If you cannot go back to your country because it is unsafe for you, **you can ask for asylum here**.
- Asylum is also called **international protection**.
- **A child (below 18)** who arrived alone is assigned a person called a **guardian** for support.
- After checking all the information, the authorities will decide **if you need asylum or not**.

REGISTRATION

-  The authorities will **register your application**, take your **photo** and **fingerprints** (if you are older than 6 years old) and check your documents.
-  You will be given a **document saying you applied for asylum**. Keep it safe.
-  After registration, you will be given an invitation with the **date, time** and **location** of the interview.



AWAITING YOUR INTERVIEW

-  You will stay in a **safe place**. While waiting, try to **keep yourself busy**.
-  Learn the local language, make new friends, play sports and stay healthy.
-  Ask a legal counsellor or your guardian to help you **prepare for the interview**.





Don't miss your asylum interview! If you are sick, inform the authorities.

YOUR ASYLUM INTERVIEW

-  **You'll be asked why you left your country**, about your family, your life back home and your journey.
-  **Bring documents** (ID, photos, reports) to support your story.

THE DECISION

- After a few months, you will receive a decision.**
-  **If positive**, you can stay in this country and move to more permanent housing.
-  **If negative**, you'll be informed about safe options to return home. If you disagree with the decision, you can challenge it officially. This is called an **appeal**.

REMEMBER

- ✓ You can see a lawyer for advice on return or how to appeal a negative decision.
- ✓ Ask for an interpreter if you don't speak the language.
- ✓ If you can't answer the questions the officer asks you, you can say so.
- ✓ All officers must treat you with respect.
- ✓ Work with the officers. Ask them to explain what they mean if anything they say is unclear.

