



INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR ASYLUM-SEEKERS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC



4. WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT?

You will be taken to a reception centre for asylum-seekers to complete the first steps of the asylum procedure, such as identification and a medical examination.

5. HOW LONG WILL YOU HAVE TO STAY IN THE RECEPTION CENTRE?

Reception centres are closed facilities and the time spent there is therefore limited by law. The average length of stay is about 14 days, the maximum statutory period is 120 days.

1. ARE YOU A PERSON SEEKING INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION?

Do you think you have been persecuted in your country or origin, or are you afraid of being persecuted for belonging to a particular race, religion, ethnic or social group or for holding certain political beliefs in your country of origin so that you cannot go back?

In these circumstances you may be granted asylum.

Or do you think you are unable/unwilling to return to your country of origin due to a serious risk of harm in the form of i.e. a death sentence, torture, inhumane or humiliating treatment, or threat to your life or health resulting from an international or domestic armed conflict?

In these circumstances you may be granted subsidiary protection.

IN ALL THOSE CASES YOU CAN APPLY FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC.

Please note that a poor economic situation and unemployment in your country of origin are not reasons for being granted international protection.

6. WHO WILL DECIDE ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

All applications for international protection in the Czech Republic are assessed and decided by the Ministry of the Interior, Department of Asylum and Migration Policy.

7. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER YOU LEAVE THE RECEPTION CENTRE?

Asylum-seekers have two options. Either they decide to live in private arrangements, or they are transferred to open accommodation centres. These facilities are intended for asylum-seekers who have no means to provide for themselves until the decision on international protection comes into force.

2. WHAT IF YOU REFUSE TO APPLY FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

You will not be considered a refugee.

3. WHAT IS THE FIRST THING TO DO?

Ideally, you should express your intention to apply for international protection (make an application) immediately at the border upon your entry to the Czech Republic.

You can also do so as soon as possible at the reception centre in Zastávka u Brna or at the Aliens Police Inspectorate at the Police Regional Directorates.

State in simple words that you are a refugee and seek asylum or that you are afraid to return to your country of origin or that your life is in danger or that you have been persecuted in your country.



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