



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC**

Ministry of Migration & Asylum

As of 1/7/2021, the payment of financial assistance to applicants seeking international protection will require the certification of their physical presence, and on monthly basis, issued by the above-mentioned services and partners of the Reception & Identification Service that operates accommodation facilities (Open Accommodation Facilities of the , Reception and Identification Center, ESTIA program, or partner institutions operating hostels).

Therefore, asylum seekers who receive the financial assistance and are not housed in accordance with the above, can apply and be referred to accommodation.

Applications are accepted exclusively through the dedicated referral platform of the ESTIA program.

**ATTENTION:** The request cannot be submitted directly by the concerned persons, but through registered referral bodies that are registered on the special referral platform. Referral bodies can be any legal entity under public or private law that can serve the interested parties in a language they understand (for example: Migrant Integration Centers, social services of local authorities if they have interpretation services, Centers of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), International Organizations, ESTIA partners implementing the ESTIA program).

If the above mentioned organizations, are not already registered on the dedicated platform, can register in a simple procedure by clicking on <https://dpas.migration.gov.gr/>.

In order to submit a housing request, the referring organization will be asked to provide the details of the interested parties, including their family status and any other information deemed necessary for the identification by the Ministry of Migration and Asylum of a suitable housing location. It is very important that interested parties provide the referral body with up-to-date contact details (telephone and e-mail).

The referral body will receive a notification as soon as the person is matched to a housing place, so that it can make the relevant communication. The accommodation offered can be either in an Open Accommodation Facility or in the accommodation program ESTIA 2021. The place of current residence of the person concerned will be taken into account, however it is very likely that the place offered will be in a different Region.

Applicants should be aware that it is possible that they may be asked to move in with other beneficiaries. In this case, it will already have been ensured that their marital status, nationality and language of communication will be compatible with the corresponding characteristics of their flat-mates. If the persons concerned have already submitted a housing application in the past, they do not need to do so again. The Ministry has the file and is already processing it.

They do, however, need to inform the agency that made the housing request on their behalf if they have changed their contact details, and/or marital status.

All persons with the legal status of an applicant for international protection (i.e. those who have not received a final decision on their application for international protection) will be assigned to an appropriate housing place and will continue to be provided with all the material that the reception conditions provide for."