

Guide

Entering & Staying in Reception & Identification
Centers

Rights and Obligations

Reception & Identification Centers



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When you arrive



When you enter the country without the legal requirements, you will undergo reception and identification procedures, during which you are required by law to stay in the Reception and Identification Center with restrictions to your freedom, for a period of 5 days which can be extended-by decision of the Director, to a period that can not exceed 24 days.



During your stay in the Center and until the reception and identification procedures are complete, you are not allowed at all times to leave the premises of the Center.



Possession and use of weapons as well as narcotics and flammable/explosive materials are not allowed. In case of possession or use of the above, you will undergo a physical search and if any of these items are found they will be confiscated, potentially leading to the initiation of criminal proceedings.



You are required to provide your personal information pertinent to your identity and give your fingerprints (fingerprints are required if you are over 14 years of age). You must provide truthful personal information and collaborate with the competent National Authorities.



Your communication with the Center will be facilitated by interpreters/intercultural mediators and information will be provided to you in a language you understand.



The personnel of the Center is required to inform you with regards to your rights and obligations, processes that pertain to your stay in the country, the international protection application and your stay in the Center.



Medical Exams



Reception and identification procedures include a medical examination conducted by a specialized unit of the Reception & Identification Center, so you can receive treatment and care if you are ill or suffering from any medical condition.

You are entitled to medical and pharmaceutical care, free of charge, as well as access to the Public Health system during your stay in the Center.

If you are a minor and there is doubt with regards to your age, you may receive a medical exam to determine your age.



If deemed necessary by your examining physician, you will also receive a mental health evaluation, in order to be given the appropriate treatment.

You can request for mental health support from the Centers anytime you may need it.

Medical and mental health exams are conducted with confidentiality and with respect to human dignity and privacy.



If you are a vulnerable individual

If you are a minor (under 18 yrs. of age), unaccompanied or not; a direct relative of victims of ship-wrecks; a person with a disability; an elderly person; a woman in pregnancy; a single parent with minor children; a victim of human trafficking; a person suffering from a serious illness; a person with a mental or psychological disability and a person who has been subjected to torture, rape or any other serious form of mental, physical or sexual violence, like victims of genital mutilation:



Depending on your vulnerability you will receive the appropriate medical and mental health care as well as treatment from specialized doctors. These services are provided with respect and confidentiality. You may possibly also be referred to organizations that provide legal or social assistance.



If you are an **unaccompanied minor** (under 18 years of age), a guardian or representative will be appointed by the competent Public Prosecutor for your care and protection. Specialized staff will support you during your stay in the Center.



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All forms of violence (physical or sexual or emotional or verbal) or racism are prohibited, either from you, other residents as well as the personnel and administration of the Centers.



You have the right to equal treatment irrespective of your gender, age, country of origin, your religion or political beliefs and your sexual identity.



You are required to behave respectfully and politely to all residents and personnel irrespective of their gender, age, country of origin, religion or political beliefs and sexual identity.



You have the right to report to the Administration of the Center any violent event that threatens you physically and/or emotionally and the Administration is required to investigate the event with confidentiality.



Any commercial activity or transaction for profit is prohibited within the Centers.



It is prohibited to bring or use addictive substances (such as narcotics and alcohol) in the Centers, as well as explosive or flammable materials or objects that may harm you or others.



After the reception and identification procedures are officially complete, you are not allowed to be absent from the camps of the Centers at evening hours. You must abide with the hours of operation of the camps of the Centers.



Important Rules

*Benefits may be limited or terminated upon violation of regulations.

Serious violations are referred to the police authorities according to the law and may potentially lead to arrest & detention.



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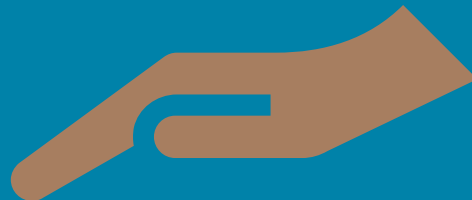
You can apply for International Protection



You have the right to apply for international protection while you are in the Centers. If you request to apply, following your registration, the personnel of the Reception & Identification Center will refer you to the competent office/unit of the Asylum Service.



The international protection applicant requests not to be deported because he/she is in fear of persecution because of his/her race, religion, nationality, participation in a particular social group or because of his/her political beliefs, or because he/she is in danger of suffering serious harm in his/her country of origin or country of previous residence, especially because he/she is in danger of facing the death penalty or execution, torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or his/her life or physical integrity is in danger because of an international or civil war.



The Asylum Service is required to provide you with interpretation in a language you understand during the procedures of the various stages of your application.



You have the right to remain in Greece until the examination of your application is complete; your deportation is prohibited until the examination of your application is complete.



You must keep the assigned deadlines of the different stages of your application and appear in person when summoned by the Asylum Service.



You are required to inform the Asylum Service about any change in your personal contact information. You can also submit such changes online.



If your applications for international protection (first and second instance) are rejected, you will be detained in Pre-Departure Detention Centers and the procedure of your return to your country of origin, or the country of your prior habitual residence will begin.



If you are an unaccompanied minor, your appointed guardian or representative will assist you with your international protection application.



International Protection application



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Your stay in the Reception & Identification Center



You have the right to humane and decent living conditions in an environment that is safe and protected, as well as access to meals and services (medical/mental health care, administrative services).



You can communicate and receive visits from members of your family that live outside the Centers (provided permission from the Administration), except if special security/safety reasons apply.



You will be accommodated together with your family.



If you are an unaccompanied minor, for your own protection, you will be accommodated separately from adults. You will also participate in educational activities.



You have the right to freely worship your religion.



The Center is required to inform you about the regulations of the Center and Greek laws and you must follow these regulations and laws.



Important Rights



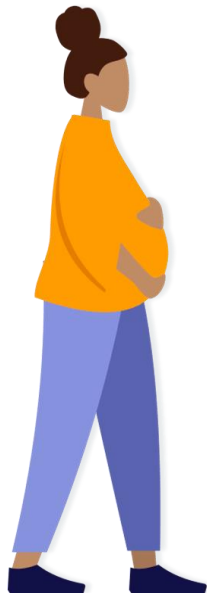
If you wish you may request to return to your country and take part in voluntary return programs.



You may communicate with organizations for human rights or immigration in order to receive social and legal assistance free of charge.



You have the right to the confidentiality of your personal information. You have the right to access your personal information on file.



If your family is in one of the countries of the Dublin III Regulation, you can submit a family reunification request according to the Dublin III Regulation. Ask the Asylum Service.



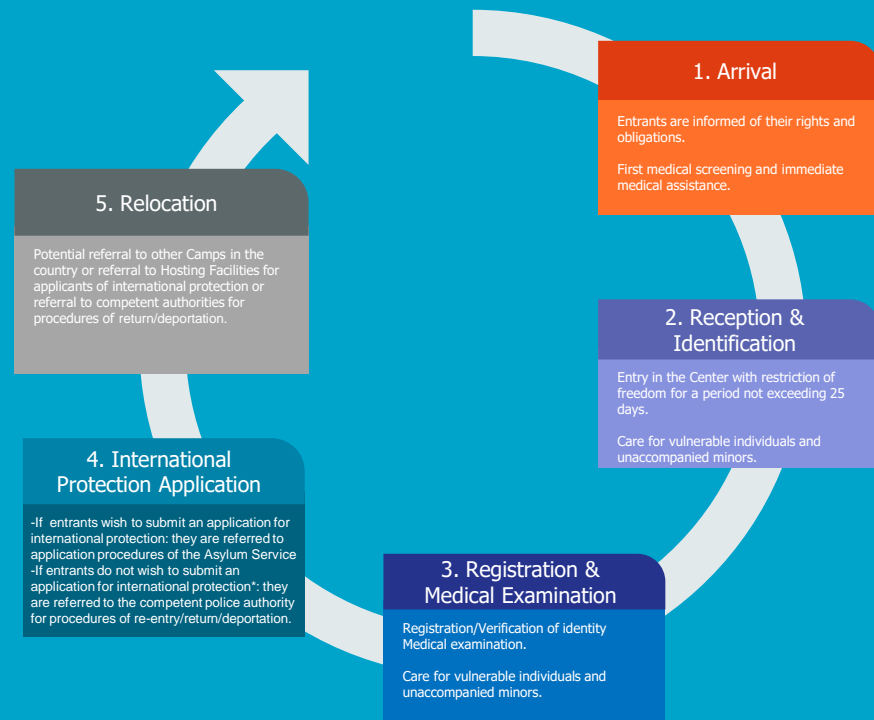
If you are a minor, you may participate in formal or non-formal educational programs and entertainment activities.



You are allowed to communicate (and correspond via email or post) with Services and international organizations outside of the Centers as well as with Consular Authorities of your country for the conduct of issues that concern you.



Reception & Identification Procedure



*or if they are not eligible according to relevant legislation for other forms of protection and they do not have a title/permit of legal residence in Greece or their application has received a definitive rejection.



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