

Competence of the State Border Guard and the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs in the framework of the asylum procedure

The asylum procedure involves different institutions. The most important role is played by the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) and the State Border Guard

State Border Guard:



- **Shall accept and register** asylum applications
- **Shall identify** asylum seekers
- Shall take **fingerprints**
- **Shall collect initial information** from the asylum seeker and perform other information gathering activities



- **The information is forwarded to the OCMA for examination** and decision on granting or refusing refugee or alternative status
- **Shall evaluate whether there are circumstances when it is necessary to detain the asylum seeker** or it is necessary to apply restrictive activities – register regularly

OCMA:



- **Shall evaluate** whether the asylum seeker's application should be examined in Latvia or in another country
- **Shall take the decision** on the examination of the application
- **Shall conduct a personal interview**



- **Shall take the decision** on granting or denying status in a responsible and justified manner
- If necessary, **the person shall be accommodated in** an Asylum Seekers Accommodation Centre*

**Accommodation is provided only during the asylum procedure*

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