

AFTER REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION AND PERFORMANCE OF THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Asylum Division of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs may:

- 1 **grant a refugee status**
- 2 **grant an alternative status**
- 3 **refuse to grant a refugee and alternative status**

The decision shall be made within 3 months after the personal interview. Sometimes it may last for up to 15 months from the day of submission of the application.

If the asylum seeker does not agree with the decision, he or she may appeal it to the Administrative District Court.

INFORMATION



More detailed information about requesting of the asylum is available here:
<https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/lv/celvedis-patveruma-mekletajiem-latvija>



Information is available in Arabic, Dari, English, Farsi, French, Latvian, Pashto, Russian, Tigrinya, Kurdish, Georgian, Azerbaijani, Turkish.

ACCOMMODATION OF THE ASYLUM SEEKER



If the asylum seeker is not detained, he or she may stay during the review of application at the **Asylum Seekers Accommodation Centre**. The Centre is located in the distance of 17 km from Riga city centre – in Mucenieki.



The asylum seeker may at his or her own expense stay also anywhere else – in the hotel, in the own property or lease an apartment. In such case he or she has to specify his or her address of stay to the State Border Guard.

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DETENTION OF THE ASYLUM SEEKER

The asylum seeker may be detained if:

his or her personal data or nationality should be established;

facts should be examined on requesting of the asylum;

there is a reason to consider that the person cause threat to public safety or public order;

if forwarding of a person to another Member State of the European Union is commenced;

if it is necessary to decide on the rights of the asylum seeker to enter Latvia;

there is a reason to consider that the person requests asylum only in order to delay his or her extradition.



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FAMILY REUNION PROCESS

The person with a refugee or alternative status has the right to reunite with family members, who stay abroad. This is called family reunion.



<p>The family means a spouse of the person and their single children until the age of 18 years, as well as adopted children or children being under his or her custody.</p>	<p>The person, who has not reached the age of 18 years and is single, may receive the mother and father arriving from abroad.</p>	<p>Refugees have the right to family reunion right after acquisition of a refugee status.</p>
<p>Persons with alternative status have the right to family reunion 2 years after acquisition of the alternative status.</p>	<p>For family reunion a call should be arranged at first at the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs.</p>	<p>It can be performed on the website www.latvija.lv in the service "Approval of invitation or call for requesting a visa or residence permit in the Republic of Latvia".</p>

Family members have to submit to the representative office of the Republic of Latvia in their country the following documents:



present valid travel documents;



questionnaire;



photograph;



copies of documents certifying kinship;



payment document, confirming payment of the State fee.



Should any family member be not able to submit copies of documents certifying kinship and has specified in writing the justified reason for that, the institution may accept the documents for family reunion without the relevant document.



State fee for approval of invitations and issue of visas:
(<https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/lv/valsts-nodeva-par-ielugumu-apstiprinasanu-un-vizu-izsniegšanu>).