

## What do you need to know?

Polish citizens, as well as citizens of other EU countries, cannot receive IP in Poland.

IP ≠ political asylum; these are different procedures and statuses.

Asylum is an exceptional form of protection. It is granted in cases where there is a particular interest of Poland in doing so.

An application for IP can be submitted not only at the moment of crossing the border at a border checkpoint.

If the situation in your country of origin worsens during your stay in Poland, you can submit an application at the nearest Border Guard unit.

You can also apply for IP during an undocumented stay.

For example, if your visa or travel document has expired, or if you have crossed the border illegally. However, we advise avoiding such situations, as they may result in being placed in a detention center for foreigners.

If you reside outside the refugee center during the procedure, you have the right to benefits.

They are not granted automatically; you must submit the application to the Office for Foreigners.

During the first 6 months of applying for IP, you are not allowed to take up employment.

However, if you have an access to the job market (e.g., you've completed full-time studies or vocational school in Poland, have a valid humanitarian visa and etc.), you may work.

Polish authorities, courts and services cannot provide information regarding your international protection proceedings to authorities in your country of origin.

During the procedure, your travel document (e.g., passport) will be kept in deposit, and you will not be able to use it.

Keep this in mind and take care of important tasks in advance (such as opening a bank account, finding employment, registering your address, etc.). We also recommend making certified copies of the pages of your passport with personal details or valid visas.

Once international protection is granted, you should avoid contacting authorities in your home country or returning there, as this could lead to the cancellation of your protection.

### Come for a free consultation in the city center!

▶ Przejście Dialogu, Świdnicka Street 19 (a space in an underground passage)

#### Contact us!

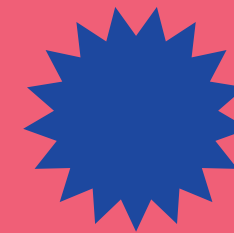
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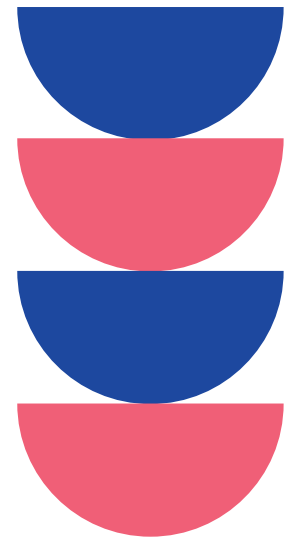
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## International protection (IP)

is granted to foreigners in a country other than their country of origin (including Poland). The basis for granting international protection is a **well-founded fear** that the individual will face **persecution** or suffer **serious harm** in their country of origin, and at the same time, they are unable or unwilling to seek protection from the authorities of their home country.

Persecution considered in the procedure for granting international protection must constitute a serious violation of human rights (primarily violations of the right to life, slavery, torture, etc.) **based on race, nationality, religion, political beliefs, or membership in a particular social group**. Persecution may consist of a single act or a combination of actions or omissions.

IP may be granted in the form of **refugee status** or **subsidiary protection**. The decision is made by the Head of the Office for Foreigners (UDSC, Taborowa Street 33, Warsaw).

**NO REPRESENTATIVE IS REQUIRED IN THE OM APPLICATION PROCEDURE!**

**YOU CAN SUBMIT THE APPLICATION YOURSELF AT THE BORDER GUARD UNIT AND GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE COMPLETELY FREE OF CHARGE!**

## Stages of the procedure

1

Personal submission of the application at the nearest Border Guard unit (Graniczna Street 105a, Wrocław)

2

Retention of a foreigner's travel document in deposit.

3

Issuance of the Temporary Foreigner's ID (TZTC)

4

Referral of the case to the UDSC.

5

Verification of the data (oral or written interview).

6

The Office for Foreigners decides whether an applicant is eligible for one of the two forms of IP.



**REFUGEEBOOK**  
mobile app for people applying for IP in Poland



### POSITIVE DECISION



Granting a specific form of protection — refugee status or subsidiary protection.

#### ▶ Refugee status

Submitting an application for a Geneva passport and for a residence permit.

**OR**

#### ▶ Subsidiary protection

Submitting an application for the return of your travel document from deposit and for a residence permit.



Submitting an application for an Individual Integration Program (IPI) within 60 days of receiving a positive decision.



### NEGATIVE DECISION



Filing an appeal with the Refugee Board within 14 days.



In the case of a second negative decision, you can submit a complaint to the Voivodeship Administrative Court in Warsaw within 30 days.



In the case of a final negative decision, there is an obligation to depart voluntarily.