What is an asylum reception centre?

If you are between 15 and 18 years old and have arrived without your parents and applied for protection, this information is for you.
A place to live while you wait
You might have to live at an asylum reception centre for a long time while you wait to find out whether you can stay in Norway. You might have to live at different reception centres while you wait.

There are other young people between the age of 15 and 18 at the reception centre who have applied for protection. When you turn 18, you will move to a reception centre where other adults and families with children live.

Life at the reception centre
At the reception centre, you will have a place to live with a bed, and a place where you can make food either alone or with the staff there. You will receive money for food and clothing and you will go to school.

On one of the first days at the reception centre, you will see a doctor who will examine you. If you need medical help after that, the people working at the reception centre can help you to contact a doctor.

Adults who can help
There are adults at the reception centre who can give you and your family information that you need to know. The people working at the reception centre do not decide whether you can stay in Norway.

Internet and activities
You can use free internet at the reception centre. While you live at the centre, you can take part in different activities as well as going to school.

More information about what happens when you apply for protection: www.UDI.no