The Asylum Process for Unaccompanied Minors in Norway

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Unaccompanied minor asylum seekers.

- Unaccompanied minor asylum seekers are children and young people under 18 years of age who arrive in Norway to seek asylum unaccompanied by parents or other persons who have parental responsibility for them. They are a particularly vulnerable group with other needs and other rights than adult asylum seekers.
Organization of the Special Unit for Children.

- Department of Asylum, 20 employees, 15 caseworkers
- Responsible for handling the caseload of unaccompanied minors seeking asylum in Norway
- Specially trained case-owners conducting interviews and processing asylum claims
- Determining the *best interest of the child* both in the asylum process and decisions
- Strengthen the knowledge and competence on UAMs.
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• Total: 798 from 45 countries

• Somalia: 270
• Afghanistan: 181
• Eritrea: 137

• Maroco: 27
• Ethiopia: 24
• Algerie: 22
• Syria/Stateless: 11
• Uganda: 9
• Albania, Guinea, Iraq, China, Libya: 7
Decisions 2013 (per 30. September)

- Refugee status: 152
- Subsidiary protection: 51
- Humanitarian grounds: 109
- Limited permits: 44
- Rejections: 16
- Dublin: 14
Process overview.

1. Registration
2. "Arrival interview"/preparing
3. Medical age examination
4. Asylum interview
5. Decision

Immigration Police  UDI- Arrival  Radiography  UDI- Special Unit  UDI-Special Unit