

Waiting times for children under 18 years old who have applied for protection (asylum) and do not have parents in Norway

Who is UDI interviewing, and whose applications are being answered at present?

Syria

UDI is waiting to process applications for protection submitted by Syrian citizens and stateless individuals from Syria until further notice. Many other countries in Europe are doing the same.

The situation in Syria is unclear, but UDI is monitoring developments closely. We will be back with more information when we start processing applications again.

Everyone will receive an answer to their applications.

The following information applies for all countries other than Syria:

In the period up to June, we will:

- continue to process applications for those interviewed in 2024 who have not yet received an answer.
- conduct interviews on an ongoing basis with unaccompanied minors seeking protection. For cases covered under the Dublin Regulation, it may take several months for relevant cases to be ready for an interview.
- if no further investigations are required after the interview, we will reach a decision as soon as we can.

Why do some people receive an answer before me?

We are giving priority to the applicants who have been waiting the longest. In some cases, however, it takes us longer to carry out an interview and to process the application. Even though you may have been waiting longer than others, we have not forgotten your case. It may take longer to process a case for reasons such as:

- we find we need more time to investigate your case after the interview;
- we determine that your case is to be processed by another country under the Dublin Regulation. This may result in you having to wait longer than others for an interview.

If you have not been interviewed or received an answer due to other reasons, we will inform your lawyer why it is taking more time.

We know that it is difficult to wait for a long time, and we are working hard to process all the applications for asylum as fast as possible.

It is not necessary to contact UDI to ask when your case will be finished. We will send the answer to your lawyer.

Is there anything I can do to cut down on the waiting time?

You can make sure that we receive your identity documents as soon as possible.

- If you have original identity documents, you are to present them at your local police station. You can ask your representative / legal guardian to help you to submit all your documents.
- If you have copies and photos, you can take them with you to your interview. Alternatively, you can send them by post to UDI:

Utlendingsdirektoratet (UDI)
Postboks 2098 Vika
0125 Oslo

Remember to write your DUF number on the documents. Your representative can help you with this.

Information updates

This information on waiting times applies from 1 April 2025.

We will provide another update on 1 June 2025 or before if the situation changes significantly.

