

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

Who will be interviewed, and who will get an answer from UDI now?

UDI will conduct interviews with unaccompanied minors who are seeking protection on an ongoing basis. If your case comes under the Dublin Regulation, it may take several months to determine whether your case is to be processed in Norway or in another country where you have registered your fingerprints.

If UDI does not need to carry out further investigations after the interview, we will reach a decision as soon as we can.

Special information concerning applications for protection from applicants from Syria

UDI has resumed processing asylum applications from Syrian citizens and stateless individuals from Syria. We will call in the first applicants for an interview during January. There are many applicants waiting to be interviewed, so it may still be a long time before you are called in for an interview.

The situation in Syria has changed significantly. UDI has to evaluate applications based on the current situation. Therefore, it will take more time to process these cases. You may also experience that some people receive an answer before you, even if they applied after you. Some cases take more time than others.

Most applicants from Syria have not had their asylum interview. If you have not had your asylum interview yet, you will be called in for it. We will notify you when it is your turn to be interviewed. You do not need to contact us; we will contact you.

Why do some people receive an answer before you?

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 you 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)

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

Information updates

This information about waiting times applies from 15 January 2026.

This information will be updated in mid-June 2026 or earlier if substantial changes occur.

