



WHY YOU SHOULD PRE-REGISTER



You and your family members need to pre-register if you want to:

1) Ask for asylum and stay in Greece

Any foreigner can ask for asylum in Greece.

2) Ask to live in another European country while your asylum application is examined in this country (relocation)

You need to be a national of the following countries to apply for relocation: Syria, Iraq, Central African Republic, Eritrea, Burundi, Costa Rica, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Bahrain, Maldives and British Overseas Countries and Territories. This list will be updated in early July.

3) Ask to be re-united with a close family member in another European country while your asylum application is examined in this country (family reunification)

If you are older than 18 years old, you can ask for family reunification if your husband, wife or child (who must be under 18 years old) is already living legally in another European country.

If you are younger than 18 years you can ask for family reunification if any of these family members are living in another European country: mother/father, sister/brother, uncle/aunt, or grandmother/ grandfather.

Pre-registration is necessary for any of these options!

Pre-registering gives you these rights:

- You can legally live in Greece until the Asylum Service has made a final decision on your asylum case. This means you cannot be returned to another country against your will, while you wait for the decision.
- Children can go to school. Public schools are free in Greece.
- You can move freely within Greece after pre-registration, but you are not allowed to go to other European countries.
- The Government will offer you a place to live in a site on the mainland. You will not have to pay any rent there. You cannot choose which site the Government offers you. You do not have to live there, if you do not want to.
- You can get access to health care, but you will have to pay a minimal fee for services and medicine.
- You do **NOT** have the right to work in Greece. You will only get the right to work after you have completed your registration during another appointment with the Asylum Service. This will take place at a later date.