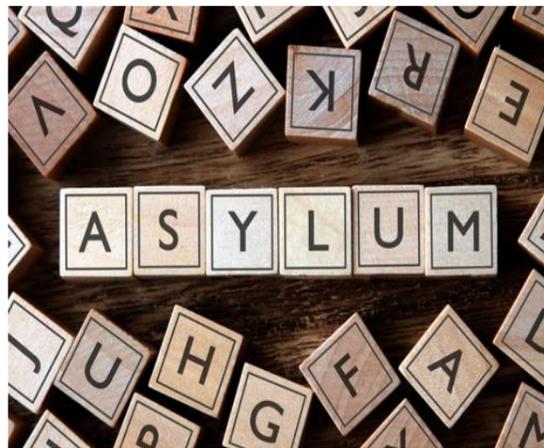




GETTING ASYLUM IN GREECE



If you are afraid to return to your country of origin, because you are fleeing war, persecution, torture, or inhumane and degrading treatment and you do not qualify for family reunification or relocation, you can ask for asylum in Greece. If you apply for asylum, the Greek Asylum Service will make a decision based on European and Greek laws.

If you are asking for asylum in Greece, the next steps after pre-registration are:

1. You have to wait for the SMS from the Asylum Service that tells you when and where your next appointment is.
2. You have to complete your registration at another appointment in the Asylum Service Office.
3. You have to go to an interview in the Asylum Service Office, where you can tell the authorities why you are asking for asylum in Greece.

If the Greek State decides that you get asylum in Greece this means:

- You will get a residence permit that is valid for three years. After a few years of living in Greece, you can apply for a long-term residency permit or Greek citizenship if you fulfil all conditions.
- You have the right to look for work in Greece. You will also have to pay taxes.
- You can go to school, university and job training programmes if you meet the requirements of those institutions.
- You can get access to health care in the same way that Greek citizens do.
- You can apply for a travel document that allows you to visit other countries as a tourist. You cannot move to another European country permanently for at least five years. If you move to another European country before that time, you may be returned back to Greece.

Pre-registration is the first step to apply for asylum in Greece!