

## What will happen if your international protection application is rejected?

You can submit a written appeal to the International Protection Commission in **10 days**.

You can also submit an appeal to Administrative Court in **30 days**. In some cases, appeal period is **15 days** which will be indicated in the decision notified to you.

**You have to inform the authorities about your appeal application.** This will suspend execution of deportation until the time of a final decision issued on your application.

You have a right to be represented by a lawyer in the appeal procedure. If you do not have financial means, you can apply to Bar Associations to request legal aid.

**Please be aware that missing the timelines will result in issuance of a deportation order.**

**A withdrawal decision will be issued and assessment of your case will be suspended, IF**

- You do not attend your interview three consecutive times without any excuse,
- You do not comply with your signature duty three consecutive times without any excuse,
- You do not go to the satellite city determined for you in 15 days,
- You leave your satellite city without permission,
- You refuse to share your individual data,
- You fail to fulfil your obligations at the registration and interview stages.

Notification of withdrawal decision will be done to the address recorded by you in the system. You will be considered as notified even if you did not receive the decision in person.

You can submit an appeal to the International Protection Commission in **10 days**. You can also appeal to Administrative Court in **30 days**.

You will be allowed to stay in Turkey during the appeal procedures.



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## National Refugee Status Determination Procedures in Turkey



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## How to lodge an international protection application in Turkey?

You need to approach Governorates in person at the shortest time possible after your entry into Turkey.

### At the time of your application at the Governorates:

- You will be asked to submit in writing the reasons that made you leave your country.
- You can submit any relevant documents available to you.
- You have a right to make an individual application. Your family members may also make applications on your behalf with **your written consent**. Please be informed that your separate application may be considered inadmissible at later stages of the procedures based on your consent.
- Please indicate if you or your family members have any urgent medical needs or disabilities or any special needs.
- You will be given an information leaflet by the authorities at the time of your application.
- Express along with your reasons if you want to reside in another province than the one you are registered. This request will be evaluated by the authorities.

Turkish authorities may conduct registration at the time of your application or may give an appointment date for registration. **You must approach the Governorate on the day of your appointment to register.**

**Please carefully read the declaration form given to you at the time of your application.**

### At the time of your registration:

- A registration form will be filled for you and for each adult member of your family.
- The authorities will record your and your family member's fingerprints and photograph.
- You will be asked questions related to the reasons of departure from your country.
- You will be asked to submit any documents you may have brought with you. Copies of these documents will be taken and the originals will be returned to you.
- The information you provided during registration will be read back to you. If there is any missing information, please indicate at the time of registration.

**Any information you provide is kept confidential and is not shared with third parties.**

**You have to tell the truth and cooperate with the authorities at all stages.**

- You will be asked to sign the registration form and will receive a copy of the form.
- Interpretation services will be provided by the authorities.
- If you feel more comfortable with the interpreter or interviewer of your sex, please state this to the authorities.

After registration:

- 'International Protection Applicant Registration Document' will be issued for you and for each family member free of charge.
- You will be informed on the date and time of the interview.
- You will be asked to present yourself on regular basis. Not complying with this duty may cause closure of your file.

### At the time of your interview:

- Explain reasons of your flight in details and always tell the truth.
- If you are represented by a lawyer, s/he can be present at the interview upon your written request.
- Please indicate to the interviewer, if you have difficulties in communicating with the interpreter.
- Confidentiality has to be respected. Your family members can attend your interview **only if you give consent**.
- The officer will be noting down your statements in a form during the interview. They may also take visual and/or audio recording of the interview.
- At the end of the interview, interviewer will read back your interview form. Indicate at this stage if you want to make any corrections or you have anything else to add.

After the interview:

- 'International Protection Applicant Identification Card' will be issued for you and each family member free of charge. You may need to approach Governorate to extend the card before its expiry date.
- Within 6 months after your interview, a decision may be issued on your case. You will be notified in case of delay in issuance of the decision.

Your status as a refugee or conditional refugee or subsidiary protection beneficiary will be recognized if it is assessed that you are in need of international protection.

**Interpretation services provided and documents issued are free of charge.**