

The purpose of the interview

It is important to know that the purpose of the interview is to establish the circumstances for granting a form of protection in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Moldova.

Cooperate with eligibility counsellor and tell ONLY the truth!

Provision of false data may constitute a ground for rejection the asylum application. During the interview you can provide a complete and detailed explanation as why you left your country of origin and the risks you could be exposed to in case of return.

The duration of the asylum procedure

Your application for asylum will be examined within a period of one month to six months. The period may be extended for consecutive periods of one month each but will not exceed three months.

Challenging the decision

The AID's decision regarding the rejection of your application may be appealed in trial court.

In the trial court you can request to be defended by a lawyer provided free of charge. You can also contact a legal counsellor from the Law Centre of Advocates NGO.

You will be receive an official notification and you are obliged to attend each trial court session!

You have the obligation to voluntarily leave the territory of the Republic of Moldova upon the expiration of 15 days following the date when the decision of rejection of the application for asylum becomes irrevocable.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

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ASYLUM PROCEDURE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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In the Republic of Moldova the competent authority responsible for solving asylum issues is the Asylum and Integration Directorate (AID) within the Bureau for Migration and Asylum (BMA), administrative authority under Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The forms of protection granted in Republic of Moldova are the following:

Refugee status – is recognized per foreigners request owing well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

Humanitarian protection – is recognized when there is a serious risk of being sentenced to death or being subject to torture or degrading treatment in the country of origin or the foreigner has left the country because of internal or international conflicts.

Temporary protection - exceptional protection granted by Government Decision in case of a massive and spontaneous influx of population.

Political Asylum – is granted by a Decree of the President of Republic of Moldova.

BEGINNING OF THE PROCEDURE:

Since submitting the asylum request you have the right to be assisted and advised free of charge by a legal counsellor (NGO), a UNHCR representative or a chosen lawyer (paid). Contact details can be found on the reverse side.

You have begun the asylum procedure in Republic of Moldova:

- You will be informed about your rights and duties
- You will be issued a temporary identity document that will identify you during the period you are applying for asylum in the Republic of Moldova
- You will not be returned or expelled until your application for asylum is determined

- You have the right to be placed free of charge in the accommodation centre
- You will be provided with an interpreter/translator at any stage of the asylum procedure
- Your personal data will be protected
- You have the right to work and the right to education

Your duties are:

- To comply with the provisions of the legislation of the Republic of Moldova
- To undergo photographing, mandatory fingerprint registration and medical examination
- To inform AID of changing your address or leaving your place of residence
- In case of placement at the accommodation centre to comply with its internal regulations
- To cooperate with asylum authorities in order to reach a solution on your asylum request

THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

After submitting the asylum application you have to complete a questionnaire being assisted by an employee of the Asylum and Integration Directorate. You have to provide detailed personal and family data, the reasons of application for asylum, transit itineraries from country of origin to Republic of Moldova, handover the identity documents, including travel documents that you hold.

To strictly follow the asylum procedure stages!

In case of abandonment of the asylum procedure, it will be accomplished in YOUR ABSENCE or your file will be administratively closed.

If you decide to abandon your asylum application, you have to inform the Head of AID as soon as possible!

THE INTERVIEW:

You will be scheduled for an interview!

The eligibility counsellor will inform you personally or by phone about the place, date and time of the interview. In case you fail to attend 3 consecutive interviews a decision will be issued based on the documents available in the file.

Who will interview you?

An eligibility counsellor of AID will be the one who will conduct the interview.

On request, you have the right to be interviewed by a person of the same sex.

In case you are assisted by a lawyer/legal counsellor or by a UNHCR representative you should know that they cannot answer on your behalf.

The AID will provide you, free of charge, an interpreter for the interview. In case of miscommunications with the interpreter it is important to inform the eligibility counsellor from the very beginning of the interview.

How long will the interview last?

There is no standard period of time. This can vary from case to case (average 3 hours). If during the interview you need a break, you are free to request it anytime.

How is the interview conducted?

The interview will be held in Romanian or in a language that you speak. The eligibility counsellor shall record in writing all the questions you are asked and the answers given by you, all the relevant details of the case, as well as names of persons present at the interview (lawyer, legal counsellor, eligibility counsellor).

All your statements will be confidential!

At the end of the interview you will sign each page of the interview note to confirm that you agree with your statements.

Read carefully the interview note, ask for translation before signing it!

If you consider that there are inconsistencies between what you stated and what was recorded in the interview note, you have to inform the eligibility counsellor before signing the interview note.