

LEGAL CENTER

free advisory
and legal aid

for foreigners under international
and subsidiary protection





Asylum is granted to a foreigner seeking international protection, who is outside their country of origin and has a well-founded fear of persecution due to their race, religion, nationality, membership to a particular social group or political opinion and, therefore, is unable or unwilling to accept the protection of that country.

1. The intention to apply for international protection can be expressed by a foreigner at the border crossing, at any police station on the territory of Montenegro, at the Reception Centre or the Reception Centre for Foreigners;
2. To establish the identity of a foreigner, impressions of all fingers are taken, as well as a photograph;
3. A foreigner seeking international protection will be provided with accommodation, food and clothing, essential products for personal hygiene and a mandatory health check-up;
4. In the shortest possible time, and no later than 15 days from the expressed intention, a foreigner seeking international protection is obliged to apply for international protection to the Directorate for Asylum;
5. With the help of an interpreter, a foreigner seeking international protection will be interviewed to determine whether they meet conditions for granting asylum or subsidiary protection;
6. If an application for international protection is rejected, an appeal can be filed with the Administrative Court within 15 days from the date of delivery of the decision;
7. If the Court confirms the first-instance adverse decision, measures will be taken against the applicant to return to their country of origin or transit;
8. If the Court annuls the first-instance adverse decision, the case will be returned to the Directorate for Asylum for a repeated decision-making process;





If asylum or subsidiary protection is granted, the foreigner acquires the right to:

- **Stay in Montenegro**
- **Accommodation and financial assistance** - No longer than two years from the date of delivery of the decision on the approval of international protection
- **Work** - No additional permits are needed to enter the labour market except for an identity document. To find a job as quickly as possible, contact the regional offices of the Employment Agency of Montenegro
- **Health care and insurance** - To enjoy your rights from compulsory health care, choose a doctor, dentist, paediatrician and gynaecologist at the Health Center. You must have your ID with you
- **The right to primary, secondary and higher education** - Children have the right to enrol in or continue primary and secondary education in Montenegro, according to their place of residence, and students have the right to higher education under the same conditions as Montenegrin citizens
- **Free legal aid**
- **Social protection**
- **The right to family reunification**
- **Assistance with integration into society** - no longer than three years from delivery of the decision on the approval of international protection
- **Learn the Montenegrin language, history and culture**
- **Property**
- **Personal and travel documents**
- **Acquisition of Montenegrin citizenship** - after ten years of legal and continuous residence in Montenegro
- **Permanent residence** - after five years of continuous residence in Montenegro





How can Legal Center help You?

Legal Center can provide you, in a language you understand, with the following:

- basic information about the system and procedure for approving international and subsidiary protection in Montenegro;
- free legal aid in the first-instance proceedings at the Directorate for Asylum and representation before the Administrative Court of Montenegro;
- practical information and legal support in accessing rights to housing, social and health protection, work, education and family unity.

Legal Center will accompany You throughout the entire procedure and facilitate Your communication and cooperation with the state authorities of Montenegro.

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