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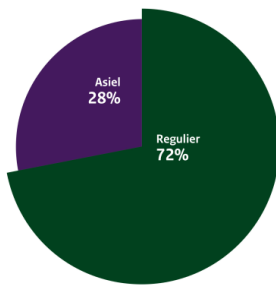
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IND ANNUAL FIGURES 2018: MAJORITY OF MIGRANTS NOT ASYLUM SEEKERS

Twenty-eight per cent of all migrants who arrived in the Netherlands in 2018 were asylum seekers. The rest of the migrants arrived as students, migrant workers and for family reunification (see the figure below). For more information, click on this [link](#).

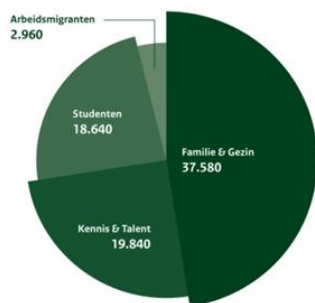
Aanvragen verblijf in Nederland



title: Applications residence permit for the Netherlands

Asiel 28% = Asylum 28%
Regulier 72% = Regular 72%

Reguliere aanvragen



title: Regular applications

Arbeidsmigranten 2.960 = Migrant workers 2,960
Studenten 18.640 = Students 18,640
Familie & Gezin 37.580 = Relatives & Family 37,580
Kennis & Talent 19.840 = Knowledge & Talent 19,840

1. BASIC RIGHTS

State Secretary for the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK): about postal address issues

People who, in the next half year, expect to legally stay in the Netherlands for a period of at least 4 months, are obligated to register in the Personal Records Database (BRP). In case they do not have a residential address, the municipality is to issue them with a postal address. In practice, the latter not always appears to run smoothly.

The State Secretary has addressed this issue in a [letter](#) to the municipalities and would like to hear about any problems people may encounter, in this respect. The email address to report such problems is: info@rvig.nl under the subject: 'postal address'. See [here](#).

Minister of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS): no additional means for abortion care for undocumented women

According to the Minister of VWS, abortion clinics may themselves determine the price of abortions for uninsured women. According to the Minister, they are allowed to charge a low price for those with limited financial means. In addition, there are funds available for this medical procedure.

This would make abortion care available for undocumented migrants. See [here](#).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

District Court: risk of circumcision in Guinea, appeal to equality before the law

This Guinean woman and her daughter are applying for a residence permit, because they will be unable to avoid circumcision if they would need to return to Guinea. The woman states that, in six similar cases, the European Court of Human Rights has come to the conclusion that women in Guinea are unable to avoid circumcision. Although the IND did not consider those cases comparable, the judge has ruled that the IND needs to study this subject more closely. (Rb Utrecht, NL19.4576, 19.4.19)

Dutch Council of State (RvS): withdrawal of partner permit appropriate, i.r.t. failure to report temporary lower income

This woman has organised for her partner to come to the Netherlands. At the time, her income was sufficient. However, in the ensuing period, she lost her job and failed to report this to the IND. The Council of State is therefore of the opinion that the IND justifiably withdrew the partner's permit. Meanwhile, the woman's income level is sufficient again, but this fact does not affect this procedure, according to the Council of State. See [here](#).

Dutch Council of State (RvS): presence of father important to avoid legal children being placed into care

These children have a residence permit and are residing with their mother. The (undocumented) father visits the children very regularly to care for them, as the mother has an intellectual disability. According to Child Welfare Services, the children are at risk of being placed into care in case the father would be forced to leave the country. The Council of State believes that this is not in the children's best interest. The father thus needs to be issued a residence permit. See the court judgement [here](#) and that of the Council of State [here](#).

Government Gazette (Staatscourant): Chavez status is temporary, long-term residence and naturalisation are not possible

Parents of a Dutch child may be granted a certain status on the basis of the Chavez judgement. However, those parents will not be issued a long-term residence permit, nor will they have the opportunity to naturalize, because the IND considers this status to be temporary (as parental care will end at the child's 18th birthday). See [here](#).

3. CHECK AND DETENTION

Dutch Council of State (RvS): profoundly deaf alien suited for detention

This profoundly deaf man states that he suffers from stress and automutilation while in immigration detention. People who are found to be unsuited for detention may be released, under certain conditions, namely if the medical care while in detention is insufficient, existing problems are likely to worsen in detention, or if a person's mental state prohibits detention.

The Council of State is of the opinion that these conditions do not apply in this case. See [here](#).

4. ACTIVITIES

Pharos: Straightforward education for refugees about physical complaints, in five languages

The educational brochure 'When you are stressed, think too much and have trouble sleeping...' has been republished. The brochure has been updated and translated for refugees, but may also be suitable for others with questions about stress-related complaints. [Download folder](#)

Amsterdam municipality-wide meeting *Undocumented*, 7 May 14:00–16:00 hrs

On the agenda: Code Red Network, new campaign Doctors of the World, Red Cross about winter weekend shelter, Aliens Programme (Anne Klerks), current situation of Dublin claimants (Ralph Severijns). Location: 'congreszaal' in vm Stadsstimmertuin 4-6, 1018 ET Amsterdam.

Meeting FEMALE REFUGEES, HOW SAFE ARE THEY HERE? 15 May 20:00–22:00 hrs, Alkmaar

How safe are female refugees during their stay in shelters and when they start a new life in the Netherlands? What is being done to protect women and what can women do for themselves? And how can we achieve greater safety for female refugees in and around Almere? Guest speaker will be Mastoora Sultani; she fled Afghanistan 17 years ago and talks about the problem's women may encounter while they are on the run, stay in shelters and try to start a new life.

Location: library in Alkmaar Centrum, Gasthuisstraat 2

To attend, please click on this [link](#), or send an [email](#) or call 072-5156644.

Founded in 2003, the LOS national foundation for undocumented migrants (*Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt*) is the knowledge centre for people and organisations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. The LOS foundation is devoted to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.