

# APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION FOR UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

ACT 27/2008 OF JUNE 30, AMENDED BY ACT 26/2014 OF MAY 5

## 1 TO WHOM APPLY ?

To the Immigration and Borders Service (SEF) or any other police authority.

## 2 WHERE TO APPLY ?

At a Border Checkpoint or in the National Territory at SEF facilities or any other police authority.

## 3 WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS ?

You have the right to be represented by a non-governmental organization or a legal representative assigned by the Family and Juvenile Court for that purpose.

### PROCEDURES

- ✓ Fingerprints is taken, if you are at least 14 years of age
- ✓ A photo is taken
- ✓ Submission of identity elements
- ✓ Reception of a supporting evidence of the application for protection
- ✓ Authorisation to stay in Portugal during the ongoing process



### ACCOMMODATION

If the application for protection has been made at a border checkpoint or in the Portuguese territory you will be forwarded to a children accommodation centre where you will wait for the notification to attend the interview.

- ✓ If the application is accepted, you will enter Portugal.
- ✓ If the application is refused, you will be removed to the country of origin, but an appeal on the negative decision is possible.

### DECISION



### INTERVIEW

- ✓ If the decision is positive, a residence permit is issued.
- ✓ If the decision is negative, you will be removed. An appeal on this negative decision is possible.
- ✓ You will be speaking to a SEF inspector, in the presence of your legal representative and, if necessary, an interpreter.
- ✓ You shall account for all your issued, fears lived in your country and what stops you from returning.
- ✓ An expert's opinion may be requested for determining your age. It is not mandatory.

### USEFUL CONTACTS