

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 is made at a border checkpoint, there you should stay. The maximum deadline for the decision on the application is of seven days.

- ✓ 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.

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

DECISION

- ✓ 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.



INTERVIEW

- ✓ 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