



To: the submitter of an asylum application

**Asylum and Protection
Department**

Subject: information on the duration of your application procedure

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Dear Sir, Madam,

You are receiving this letter because you have just applied for asylum in the Netherlands. You can find more information in it on the duration of your application procedure: the processing time. This is the time between your signature on your asylum application and the decision of the IND.

It may take some time before you have your next interview with the IND

The next step is an interview with the IND in the General Asylum Procedure. We will send you an invitation for this. Unfortunately, you will still have to wait some time for this invitation. We explain why this is the case.

We regret that you have to wait for some time

The fact that you have to wait has different causes. The number of asylum applications for which a long investigation is needed continues to rise. In addition, the IND has too little staff to do the work.

The processing time varies per application

The IND is processing a large number of different applications. We first do a number of investigations. For instance, we determine how much chance applications have of asylum. The results of these investigations determine the processing time and when you receive the decision. This is different for each application.

Applications with little chance of asylum take precedence

It is immediately clear that some applications have little chance of asylum. In that case asylum seekers from safe countries are concerned, or asylum applications for which another European country is responsible. The IND attempts to take a decision on these applications as soon as possible. Because of this, enough places remain in the reception centres for asylum seekers with a better chance of a residence permit.

The IND is employing new staff members

We make every effort to process asylum applications as quickly as possible. Since last year, for example the IND has employed new staff members. It takes time to train these new staff members. That is why you will see the results only later.

Information processing time on ind.nl

The IND aims to continue informing you of the processing times for asylum applications. We therefore place information on the processing time on our website. We update this information regularly. Would you like to remain informed? Then see www.ind.nl/processingtimes.

The State Secretary of Justice and Security,

On behalf of the latter,

A.N. Molleman
Director of Asylum and Protection.