Immigration and Naturalisation
Service
Ministry of Justice and Security

## The IND in 2022

Regular decisions


FAMILY
44.930

Decisions
89\%
Applications granted

## STUDENTS

22.320

Decisions
98\%
Applications granted

KNOWLEDGE \& TALENT
33.080

Decisions
94\%
Applications granted

## LABOUR MIGRANTS

3.910

Decisions
64\%
Applications granted


EXTENSIONS
(ASYLUM AND REGULAR)
79.230

Decisions
96\%
Applications granted

Naturalisation
naturalisation requests

### 51.480

Decisions

## 97\%

Applications granted

PERMANENT REGULAR RESIDENCY
13.220

Decisions
79\%
Applications granted

Legal affairs
LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ABOUT RESIDENCY


Asylum decisions


GENERALASYLUM PROCEDURE
23.890

Decisions
78\%
Applications granted
DUBLIN PROCEDURE
2.880

Decisions
SAFE-COUNTRY PROCEDURE
1.030

Decisions


Service provision

CUSTOMER CONTACTS
TELEPHONE
CUSTOMER CONTACTS DESK

446.930

Total number of visits

COMPLAINTS


Processed on time

DOCUMENTS

332.480

Documents issued

## The IND in 2022:

## Proof of residency for refugees from Ukraine

Since the end of February 2022, tens of thousands of refugees from Ukraine have come to the Netherlands for shelter. Because they fall under the European Temporary Protection Directive (TPD), the IND set up a separate process for them. Staff from the entire organisation were made available to start working on this. In total, 67,900 refugees from Ukraine collected proof of their residency at one of the locations temporarily set up for this purpose.

## More asylum applications than processing capacity

Last year, the IND received 48,000 asylum applications in total (first, second and subsequent applications and reuniting family members). This was a lot more than expected. Still, the IND was able to decide on almost 24,000 asylum applications (excluding Dublin claims and applications by people from safe countries), although there is only capacity for 22,000 applications. Unfortunately, a lot of asylum seekers still have to wait long. This is mostly because the organisation is insufficiently equipped for so many extra applications.

## More highly skilled migrants because of tight labour market

Because of tightness of the labour market, the demand for highly skilled migrants from abroad is much higher. In 2022, companies and organisations submitted 33,030 applications. The IND managed to keep up with the increase and decide quickly on these applications.

## Fast increase of applications for family

The number of applications for residency with a family member in the Netherlands increased considerably: from 29,320 in 2020 to 45,300 in 2022. This is probably postponed migration after travel restrictions during the corona pandemic. In addition, the rules for this type of applications have become a lot more complex. In the coming year, it is expected that applicants must wait twice as long as previous years for a decision by the IND.

## Multiannual peak in naturalisation

In 2022, 45,090 people requested to become a Dutch citizen. This number has already been high for a couple of years. The increase is a direct result of the high influx of newcomers in previous years. After all, someone can submit a naturalisation request after a number of years of legal residency in the Netherlands. In 2022, the IND decided on 51,500 requests, 3,030 of which were by holders of a permit under the so-called RANOV regulation from the past (also called the pardon scheme). These permit holders were exempted from a number of requirements under a policy change in 2021, allowing them to be naturalised now. To the entire work field of naturalisation requests applies that the time needed to decide has become considerably shorter.

## Many outstanding objections short-stay visas

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (BuZa) decides on applications for short-stay visas. It is the role of the IND to assess objections to rejections of such short-stay visas. In 2022, the number of rejections increased, the policy became more complex and it was not possible to fill all vacancies. Consequently, the number of outstanding objections has increased considerably and people who object must wait longer for a decision.

## Appointment at an IND desk and telephone contact

The increasing number of applications has led to more appointments and telephone contact with the IND. In addition to the issuance of residence endorsement stickers to refugees from Ukraine, there were 446,930 customer contacts at the desks in 2022. This is 100,000 more than in 2021. There were also 620,530 telephone calls. In 2022, applicants often waited longer for contact with the IND than in earlier years. By now, this has improved at almost all locations as a result of extra opening hours and more staff, among other things. Applicants calling the IND are now also served more quickly.

## More applications to process

All applications received by the IND must be registered.
Applicants get a confirmation of receipt and the option to submit incomplete documents. In 2022, the IND registered over 565,000 cases and processed over 1 million incoming mail messages, $43 \%$ of which were postal items that needed to be scanned.

## Legal proceedings

At 36,710, the number of legal proceedings initiated on residency was a little higher than last year. The number of objections against late decisions increased considerably from 1,100 in 2021 to 9,900 in 2022. This is because more decisions on asylum applications were taken after the legal decision period. And because the court has declared the Interim Act on the Suspension of Periodic Penalty Payments imposed on the Immigration and Naturalisation Service partially nonbinding in 2022.

## Annual report 2022

| Regular residency |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Family ${ }^{1}$ | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 45,300 | 37,790 | 29,320 |
| Decisions | 44,930 | 35,790 | 29,040 |
| Applications granted | $89 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $86 \%$ |
| Knowledge \& Talent | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 33,030 | 22,840 | 13,710 |
| Decisions | 33,080 | 21,580 | 13,760 |
| Applications granted | $94 \%$ | $94 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| Students | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 22,220 | 20,560 | 12,310 |
| Decisions | 22,320 | 20,600 | 12,640 |
| Applications granted | $98 \%$ | $99 \%$ | $96 \%$ |
| Labour migrants | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 4,490 | 3,300 | 2,480 |
| Decisions | 3,910 | 2,810 | 2,600 |
| Applications granted | $64 \%$ | $72 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| Extension of validity (asylum and regular residence permits) | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 78,650 | 75,430 | 101,690 |
| Decisions | 79,230 | 83,720 | 87,340 |
| Applications granted | $96 \%$ | $95 \%$ | $95 \%$ |
| Withdrawals (residency and regular residence permit) | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Procedures | 44,320 | 34,980 | 35,840 |
| Decisions | 38,450 | 32,360 | 36,110 |
| Withdrawals | $27 \%$ | $33 \%$ | $39 \%$ |
| Objection regular |  |  |  |
| (incl. objection family reunification and short-stay visa) | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Procedures | 23,860 | 15,310 | 15,840 |
| Decisions | 16,750 | 13,460 | 22,130 |
| Declared valid | $37 \%$ | $29 \%$ | $17 \%$ |
| Permanent regular residency | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 13,530 | 12,460 | 26,420 |
| Decisions | 13,220 | 11,230 | 8,270 |
| Applications granted | $79 \%$ | $79 \%$ | $77 \%$ |
| Change, replacement and loss of residence documents | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 34,540 | 47,070 | 26,420 |
| Decisions | 34,090 | 46,460 | 27,450 |
| Applications granted | $97 \%$ | $98 \%$ | $96 \%$ |
| ' Excl. asylum family reunification with an unaccompanied minor (AMv) under 8 ECHR (included in Asylum) |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Top 3 nationalities applications granted
Familiy

1. Indian
2. Turkish
3. Russian

Knowledge \& Talent

1. Indian
2. Turkish
3. Russian

Students

1. Chinese
2. American
3. Indian

Arbeidsmigranten

1. American
2. Chinese
3. Indian

| Asylum |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Dublin procedure | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 5,860 | 4,040 | 3,520 |
| Decisions | 2,880 | 2,880 | 4,410 |
| Applications granted | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| Safe-country procedure | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 1,000 | 1,080 | 1,580 |
| Decisions | 1,030 | 1,180 | 1,660 |
| Applications granted | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| General procedure | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 36,340 | 26,360 | 14,180 |
| Decisions | 23,890 | 22,140 | 16,210 |
| Applications granted | $78 \%$ | $66 \%$ | $63 \%$ |
| Asylum family reunification | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications provisional residence permit asylum family reunification | 20,390 | 13,980 | 9,300 |
| Decisions | 10,880 | 12,780 | 5,970 |
| Applications granted | $88 \%$ | $81 \%$ | $70 \%$ |
| Entries of reuniting family members 2 | 10,930 | 10,120 | 3,860 |
| Asylum family reunification 8 ECHR with AMV | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Applications | 7,870 | 4,900 | 3,400 |
| Decisions | 3,930 | 3,790 | 3,420 |
| Applications granted | $62 \%$ | $44 \%$ | $33 \%$ |

${ }^{2}$ This concerns the number of persons who came to the Netherlands in the context of asylum family reunification.
Naturalisation

| Naturalisation | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | 2021 | 2020 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Applications | 45,090 | 59,680 | 43,660 |
| Decisions ${ }^{3}$ | 51,480 | 55,930 | 50,870 |
| Applications granted | $97 \%$ | $98 \%$ | $97 \%$ |
| 3 of whom 3,030 people with a RANOV permit in 2022 |  |  |  |
| Legal Affairs |  |  |  |
| Legal proceedings concerning residency | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Number of incoming admissible legal proceedings | 36,710 | 33,880 | 41,150 |
| Number of concluded legal proceedings <br> Percentage of upheld asylum decisions <br> Percentage of upheld regular decisions | 34,180 | 34,780 | 39,880 |
| Other legal proceedings | $83 \%$ | $86 \%$ | $91 \%$ |
| (regarding detention and naturalisation among other things) | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Number of incoming legal proceedings | 11,900 | 12,330 | 10,970 |
| Number of concluded legal proceedings | 11,740 | 12,420 | 10,880 |
| Percentage of appeals to a higher court |  |  |  |
| by IND after successful appeal | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Appeals to higher court Regular | $17 \%$ | $23 \%$ | $28 \%$ |
| Appeals to higher court Asylum | $8 \%$ | $8 \%$ | $11 \%$ |

Top 3 nationalities
Dublin procedure

1. Syrian
2. Algerian
3. Moroccan

Safe-country procedure

1. Moroccan
2. Syrian
3. Georgian

General procedure

1. Syrian
2. Afghan
3. Turkish

Asylum family reunification

1. Syrian
2. Turkish
3. Eritrean

Family reunification 8 ECHR

1. Syrian
2. Eritrean
3. Iraqi

Naturalisation

1. Syrian
2. Eritrean
3. Indian

| Service provision |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Telephone | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Total number of calls handled | 497,820 | 461,470 | 448,670 |
| Cooperating immigration services hotline |  |  |  |
| Total number of calls handled | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Documents | 122,710 | 147,070 | 142,380 |
| Temporary regular residence permits |  |  |  |
| Permanent regular residence permits | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Temporary asylum residence permits | 182,950 | 138,600 | 125,830 |
| Permanent asylum residence permits | 16,540 | 26,620 | 10,510 |
| W-document | 41,680 | 35,840 | 25,850 |
| W2-document | 15,480 | 22,680 | 23,160 |
| EU/EEA citizen residence document | 40,610 | 28,690 | 30,770 |
| Family member of EU/EEA citizen residence document | 860 | 850 | 1,020 |
| Long-term resident residence document | 6,800 | 5,210 | 5,630 |
| EU/EER type, withdrawal agreement temporary ${ }^{4}$ | 9,060 | 8,000 | 5,370 |
| EU/EER type, withdrawal agreement permanent ${ }^{4}$ | 15,020 | 10,560 | 9,030 |
| 'Frontier worker' document pursuant to withdrawal agreement 5 | 8,900 | 16,160 |  |
| O-documents | 1,050 | 5,210 | 17,400 |

${ }^{4}$ This concerns temporary residence documents and permanent residence documents (sustainable residency) pursuant to the withdrawal agreement. This application can be submitted by UK nationals or family members of UK nationals who have been staying in the Netherlands shorter than 5 years or 5 years and longer respectively.
${ }^{5}$ British frontier workers are eligible for this document if they were working in the Netherlands as a frontier worker before 1 January 2021 and want to continue these activities as a frontier worker in the Netherlands after 31 December 2020.

| Customer contacts IND desks | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| IND desk (incl. biometrics, document issuance, desk appointments) $^{6}$ | 446,930 | 346,330 | 270,540 |
| Total delivered documents $^{7}$ | - | 33,120 | 38,280 |
| Total issued stickers Ukraine | 67,900 | - | - |
| Total | 514,830 | 380,210 | 318,820 |

${ }^{6}$ These statistics do not include the activities of the expat centres. Customer contacts for taking DNA samples and the info desk virtually came to a standstill in 2020 as a result of the Corona measures.
${ }^{7}$ The documents are Brexit and non-risk cohabitation.

| IND Caribbean Netherlands | $\mathbf{2 0 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 0}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Applications and requests | 7,540 | 6,310 | 4,640 |
| Processed | 6,480 | 5,070 | 5,170 |
| Default notices and complaints |  |  |  |
| Default notices | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Number received | 19,830 | 4,390 | 8,420 |
| Processed on time | $27 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $20 \%$ |
| Complaints |  |  |  |
| Number received | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Processed on time | 4,450 | 3,080 | 2,900 |

## Staffing 2022

At the end of 2022 the number of officers employed was 4,558 FTEs The total number of external employees was 835 FTEs as of $31 / 12 / 2022$ The total staff increased by 426 FTEs in 2022.

