The right to naturalization

Persons with the status of international protection and persons with the status of stateless person have the right to e Kosovo citizenship on the basis of naturalization. Citizenship is acquired in accordance with the Law on Citizenship in Kosovo and the Regulation on Integration of Foreigners.

Free Legal Aid

You are entitled to free legal aid if you do not have sufficient financial means to cover the costs.

You can get information about the rights and obligations arising from the recognition of your status as well as legal aid and advice on any other legal requirements that may follow.

You can be assisted in drafting claims and complaints and be represented before the competent authorities in the event of the termination, annulment or revocation of international protection status, temporary protection or stateless person status.

Free legal aid can be provided by lawyers, refugee rights organizations or the Free Legal Aid Agency.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS IN KOSOVO

You have only two main obligations:

- 1. To respect the Constitution, laws and regulations of the Republic of Kosovo, and
- 2. Inform the Ministry of Internal Affairs of any change of address within seven days.









WHO CAN YOU CONTACT?

Ministry of Internal Affairs

Department for Reintegration of Repatriated Persons (DRPR)

Tel: +383 (0) 38 521 266 Centrex: +383 (0) 200 19 810

Address: Rr. "Luan Haradinaj" p.n. Pristina

Department for Citizenship Asylum and Migration (DCAM)

Tel: + 383 38 200 19 596

Address: Street. "Luan Haradinaj" p.n.

Free Legal Aid Agency:

Tel: 038 200 18 941; 038 200 18 950

Email: info.anjf@rks-gov.net

Office in Prishtina: Rruga " Zenel Salihu " nr 30.

Free Legal Aid

Civil Rights Program - Kosovo (CRP/K)
Tel: +383 (0) 38 243- 610/611 / Email: crp@crpkosovo.org

Lorenc Antoni Street no.15

City of Peyton

10000 Prishtina, Republic of Kosovo

CRP/K is a local non-governmental organization, a partner of UNHCR.

Psycho-social assistance

Kosovo Center for Rehabilitation of Torture Survivors (KRCT)

St. 'Hamëz Jashari' 16b / 2, Dodona Neighborhood, Prishtina 10000

+383 (0) 38 243 707; E-mail: info@krct.org

KRCT is a local non-governmental organization, a partner of UNHCR

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INFORMATION BROCHURE FOR PERSONS WITH INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION STATUS, TEMPORARY PROTECTION AND PERSONS WITH STATELESS STATUS IN KOSOVO

We are happy to have you in our country; we hope you feel like home!

We are all humans.

We have rights and obligations.

You deserve a better life!!

You are equal as everyone else!



Your rights are guaranteed by the Law on Asylum, the Law on Foreigners and the Law on Citizenship of Kosovo, and you will be treated as a citizen of Kosovo during your stay in Kosovo.

YOUR RIGHTS IN KOSOVO

The right to reside

You have the right to stay in the Republic of Kosovo as long as you have been granted the status of international protection, temporary protection or the status of a stateless person.

The right to integration

You are entitled to all integration schemes in the Republic of Kosovo according to the application for international protection, which are defined by the Regulation on the integration of foreigners.

Information

You have the right to be informed, in your own language or in a language you understand, of your rights and obligations and of the procedures to which you may be a part.

Access to personal documents

In advance you must be provided with personal documents to be eligible to benefit from the integration measures, as follows:

• Residence permit (identity card)

You have a residence permit as well as your family members, as proof of family reunification.

An application for a residence permit must be submitted in person to the Foreigners

Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Travel document

You have the right to possess a travel document. An application for a travel document must be submitted in person to the Foreigners Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

When the person is younger than eighteen (18) years, the application must be made by his/her legal representative or Legal guardian.

Travel paper

The travel paper is issued to persons with subsidiary protection and temporary protection status who are not able to obtain a national passport, which allows them to travel abroad. An application for a travel paper must be submitted in person to the Foreigners Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

MEASURES FOR INTEGRATION AFTER OBTAINING THE STATUS

Access to the civil registry

You have the right to access the civil registry in the municipality where you reside, in order to prove and certify birth, family status, death, the relationship between you and any changes that may occur in these relationships.

Elementary accommodation

The Ministry of Internal Affairs will provide accommodation for up to two (2) years for persons with the status of international protection and temporary protection, who do not have the financial means to cover the costs of accommodation, from the date of decision-making on status recognition.

Access to social housing

Basic (elementary) housing in social housing is provided to vulnerable persons from the category of persons with the status of international protection, temporary protection and persons with the status of stateless person from the relevant municipalities and the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. Health care, education and integration into society are some of the many rights you can enjoy in the system to feel comfortable in our country.

Education

You have the right to access primary, secondary and higher education, under the same conditions as all citizens of the Republic of Kosovo in public institutions.

Integration

You will also learn and get familiar with the language, culture, history, traditions and rules of our state, within all the rights you will enjoy.

Freedom of thought and religion

You have the right to freely exercise and express your religious opinion and belief without discrimination.

The right to employment

You have the right to work in the Republic of Kosovo without a work permit for foreigners and you also have the right to practice vocational training for work experience, under the same conditions as the citizens of Kosovo. We offer you our hospitality so that you can work and be part of our society, without any limitations. You are free to increase your ability in the community as well as contribute to community development.



Social assistance

According to the Law on Social Assistance Scheme in Kosovo, persons with status of international protection and temporary protection are entitled to social assistance.

An application for social assistance must be submitted in person at the Centre for Social Work in your respective municipality.

Family reunification

You have the right to family reunification in the Republic of Kosovo. A request to initiate family reunification proceedings must be submitted in person to the Foreigners Division at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Access to Justice

You have the right of access to the Basic Courts, the Court of the Appeal and the Supreme Court of Kosovo.

The right to own movable and immovable property

Persons with international protection status and persons with the status of stateless person have the right to possess movable and immovable property with the same conditions like foreign persons.

• You should be informed more in details by the DRPR officials about benefits from integration measures.

