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**As of the 1st of July the costs for the application for a residence permit have been increased.**

**The most important new administrative charges for application without authorisation for temporary stay [Dutch: mvv] in Euros**

<b>family reunification</b>	<b>1250 (unless appeal on 8EVRM)</b>
<b>medical</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>without culpability</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>discretionary</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>EU law</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>study</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>exchange, au pair</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>additional family member</b>	<b>250</b>

The LOS foundation is the supporting organization for the assistance of migrants without residence permits. By means of this newsletter we inform you of current developments. If you have any questions about this newsletter or about the rights of migrants without residence permits, please feel free to contact LOS.

## 1. Basic rights

### **Book about human rights of undocumented migrants**

Are Human Rights for Migrants? Critical Reflections on the Status of Irregular Migrants in Europe and the United States, Edited by Marie-Benedicte Dembour, Tobias Kelly (Routledge, 250 pages). Can be ordered [here](#).

### **Minister wants to terminate free interpretation service for physicians**

As of 1 January 2012 the minister of Health, Welfare and Sport wants to terminate the remuneration of interpreting services for physicians. People who have no command of the Dutch language have to bring their own interpreters. This will create a considerable impediment to the treatment of patients by psychiatrists and psychologists. Medical organisations voiced a strong protest against this proposal.

### **ILO convention: honest working condition for domestic workers**

This ILO convention stipulates the rights of domestic workers, such as the right to a contract, the right to sick leave and holidays, the right to join a trade union. This convention also applies to undocumented workers.

[Text Convention](#)      [Text Recommendation](#)

### **Shelters for victims of human trafficking are overloaded**

All of the 50 additional shelter spaces for victims of human trafficking are occupied and residents remain in these facilities for a relatively long time. At the moment the ministry's Task Force 'approach to trafficking in human beings' works towards finding a solution together with the Shelter Federation [Federatie Opvang]. A definitive proposal for a system for the care of victims of human trafficking will be presented after publication of the evaluation of the WODC.

### **Care for families with children who have exhausted all legal remedies**

The eviction of children in asylum who have exhausted all legal remedies from shelters is no longer allowed. Minister Leers will create special shelters for these children, comparable with the location where residents have restricted liberties [Vrijheids Beperkende Locatie] in Ter Apel.

## 2. Admission policy

### **Temporary shelter for asylum seekers from Syria and Libya**

Because Syria and Libya are such dangerous countries no decisions will be taken concerning asylum applications from these countries. Asylum seekers will be given shelter.

### **Risk of forced female genital mutilation on return to Guinea, according to the court of appeal**

The court of appeal has decided that return to Guinea is unsafe for women who lack a social network in the capital Conakry that can take care of them. In such cases they run the risk of forced genital mutilation.

### **Risk for single women on return to Sri Lanka, according to Council of State**

The Council of State are of the opinion that the risk for single women who are evicted to Sri Lanka is too great.

### **EU Court of Justice are of the opinion that eviction to Mogadishu (Somalia) is not allowed**

The Court of Justice have decided this in legal proceedings about Somalis from the United Kingdom, but the stipulation applies throughout the EU. The Court are of the opinion that Somalis from Mogadishu can only be sent back to Central or South Somalia if they have family ties there and if they can reach their destination in safety. It is not safe to travel through areas where Al Shabaab is in power.

### **European Court for Human Rights: it is not allowed to make the integration examination mandatory**

According to the European Court countries may stipulate integration conditions, such as mandatory language courses; admittance, however, cannot depend on an examination.

### **Immigration and Naturalization Service terminate their co-operation with seven au-pair agencies**

Au-pair agencies need a contract with the Immigration and Naturalization Service to speed up the admittance of au pairs. The Immigration and Naturalization Service have temporarily terminated the co-operation with seven of these agencies, because they performed inadequate checks on the behaviour of the host families.

## **3. Check and Deportation**

### **INLIA have published information about the risk of eviction per country of origin**

The Dutch Office for Return and Departure [Dienst Terugkeer en Vertrek] made a survey of the risks of (forced) return to several countries of origin. INLIA have retrieved and published this survey. You will find this list [here](#).

### **Return letter Minister Leers**

Friday the 1st of July minister Leers published his Return Letter. He wants more people to return and therefore he will:

- take possession of the original documents of aliens on their arrival
- have the regular police force detect more undocumented people and their care and service providers
- improve the co-operation with embassies
- have guarantors genuinely contribute towards the ticket on return

## **4. What can be done?**

### **World Cinema Amsterdam - 10 - 21 August, Amsterdam**

The best films by independent film producers from Latin America, Asia and Africa in one film festival. [www.worldcinemaamsterdam.nl](http://www.worldcinemaamsterdam.nl)