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### (SSJ&S): CONDITIONS SCHEME FOR ELDERLY SURINAMESE

Surinamese born before 1975 who now have lived in the Netherlands for more than 10 years can apply for a special one-time arrangement.

The conditions are as follows:

1. this regards persons who were Dutch nationals before 1975 and lost their Dutch citizenship as a result of the Agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Republic of Suriname concerning the Assignment of Nationalities in 1975,
2. who have a minimum and continuous period of residence in the Netherlands of ten years prior to the effective date of the scheme and who still reside in the Netherlands, as recorded in a Mayor's Statement issued by the Municipality of Amsterdam (also for the benefit of other municipalities where Surinamese eligible for the scheme reside),
3. who prove their identity by having a valid ID card, passport, declaration of nationality or proof of former Dutch citizenship, and
4. who have not been convicted for a crime within ten years prior to the application.

See [here](#).

To apply, please contact the ASKV Refugee Support, see [here](#).

## ADMISSIONS POLICY

### SvJ&V: policy change regarding women as a social group in refugee convention

According to the refugee convention, a refugee is someone who has a well-founded fear of persecution because, among other things, they belong to a particular social group. In January, the ECJ [decided](#) that women can be considered such a social group. Therefore, women who are persecuted because of their social position (for example, because of honour-related violence or because of becoming westernised) and do not receive protection from the government should be granted refugee status instead of a weaker Subsidiary Protection status.

The Netherlands has therefore adjusted its policy toward women from Iraq and Somalia. See [here](#).

### CoS: Determining the effective date of a residence permit for a NL child

A Chavez permit (residence permit with NL child) is 'declaratory': if you meet the conditions, the right arises automatically, without you having to apply for it or needing a document. A residence document based on the Chavez status is therefore only proof that you meet the conditions.

Earlier on, the CoS had [decided](#) that there was no need to set an effective date for applicants for a Chavez status because it would be too much work. In a new decision, the CoS has now ruled that it is important to know an effective date, for example for an application for extension of status, Dutch citizenship or for entitlement to state pension or pension. See [here](#).

## WHAT'S ON

### Civil Society Regional Consultations for GFMD - Europe, 4 July 10-12u

The Government of Colombia is chairing the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) 2024-2025, and civil societies are invited to participate in regional consultations throughout July to provide feedback on the proposed thematic priorities and plans. These consultations aim to ensure civil society inclusion and meaningful participation.

You can find the [registration form here](#) (interpretation in English, French, and Spanish will be available).

### Online Hearing: Violence against women as a human rights issue, 15 juli 10-13u

The hearing will gather stakeholders from civil society and institutions to look into the various forms of violence against women and girls that are not covered by 2024 Directive on gender violence. The objective will be to provide a perspective that truly contemplates a common comprehensive policy against gender-based violence, offering a comprehensive and effective strategy against this violation of human rights within the framework of the Union. Reflexions will feed into an Own-Initiative Opinion by the EESC FRRL Group.

<https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/violence-against-women-human-rights-issue>

The LOS Foundation is looking for a project employee for NOO, the Shelter for Undocumented Network, for 16-24 hours per week.

Solidarity to people without valid residence papers is needed more than ever. That is why the LOS Foundation is setting up a solidarity network of citizens. We are looking for a project employee to ensure that this network grows.

Through your work, we know how to motivate more and more citizens to offer temporary shelter or take action in other ways. Are you good at networking and are you sympathetic towards the undocumented people in society?

Please respond before 10 July. For more information, see [here](#)

#### Checklist Equal Treatment of EU Citizens

EU citizens who have worked in the Netherlands for some time have often accumulated rights. These are not simply lost if they lose their jobs. The term 'non-beneficiary', sometimes used by homeless shelters, for example, is usually incorrect in these cases.

During the past year, the government has been working on a 'Rights Tool', now called the 'Checklist'. On [this page](#) you will find the Equal Treatment Checklist and some tools for municipalities. With these, municipalities can more easily determine whether an EU citizen is entitled to equal treatment. More tools will be added to this page in the coming period.

#### Study English with NaTakallam

We are excited to launch our new project, "**Learning English with NaTakallam**." This initiative aims to support refugees and asylum seekers currently in Europe or in the process of resettlement to a European country by offering them nine hours of personalised one-on-one online English tutoring sessions over two months, **free of charge**. Find sign ups forms:

-[Sign up form](#) [EN]

-[форма для реєстрації учнів](#) [UKR]

[AR] [نموذج تسجيل الطلاب](#) -

-[Formulaire d'inscription](#) [FR]

-[Formulario de inscripción para estudiantes](#) [ES]

-[Öğrenci Kayıt Formu](#) [TR]

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (National Undocumented Migrants Support Centre Foundation) has been the knowledge centre for people and organisations who provide assistance to migrants without residence permits ('undocumented migrants'). The LOS Foundation is committed to the basic rights of