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SERVICE WINDOW FOR REGISTRATION LAUNCHED IN UTRECHT

The service window for registration is meant for primary registrations for shelter for undocumented migrants and also works as designated point of contact.

As yet the service window will be opened on Monday and Thursday afternoons. As of 1 August the service window will be opened on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

Opening hours: 13.00 till 15.30 (with extension until 16.30 to finish the registrations).

Location: Jansveld 51, Utrecht Contact details not yet available

1. BASIC RIGHTS

<u>Central Appeals Tribunal: in case of undocumented partner - lack of Additional Benefit Single Parent will be compensated within national assistance benefit</u>

Since 2015 single parents have been receiving the additional benefit single parent on top of the national assistance benefit. This additional benefit replaces the previous additional single parent allowance and is granted as an addition to the child-related budget. Because partners who cannot contribute to the family income are seen as partners, parents with an undocumented partner do not receive the additional benefit for single parents. According to the Central Appeals Tribunal this should be remedied by means of a personal allowance on top of the national assistance benefit. You will find more information here and here.

2. ADMISSION POLICY

<u>Court of Appeal: status mother has not been extended because mother and adult son no longer live</u> together

This case concerns a Somali mother who had been granted a residence permit in 2011 with her adult son, because they had a special bond. Since 2015 mother and son no longer live at the same address. For this reason the mother's permit has no longer been extended. You will find more information here.

Court of Appeal: unclear whether health care and informal care are available in Egypt

This case concerns an older Egyptian who has been in the Netherlands for 20 years. He has diabetes and kidney problems and stays in the HVO-shelter in Amsterdam where he is given informal care. According to the IND there is a hospital in Cairo, but from documentation it has become apparent that he can only be admitted there if he pays. He has no income or savings and neither has he acquaintances who can act as guarantor for him.

The Court of Appeal are of the opinion that the IND should investigate to a greater extent whether health care and informal care are really accessible for this man (Court of Appeal Amsterdam AWB 1 8/810 en AWB 1 7/16080, 25.5.18).

3. CHECK AND DETENTION

<u>Secretary of State for Justice and Security: IOM has again received permission to help returning migrants, (small) return support sometimes possible</u>

'I do not find it desirable that migrants who are not or no longer entitled to residence stay in The Netherlands longer than necessary. For this purpose I have decided to provide a limited support allowance amounting to a maximum of one hundred euro per person to those migrants who are eligible for departure with IOM; this concerns migrants from the western part of the Balkans and the ring around Europe. This limited allowance in cash is only available for migrants who have insufficient means to travel on after arrival. Thus an impediment for return will be eliminated.

In addition I have decided that migrants who contact the IOM (International Organisation for Migration) for support on return should in principle be able to receive help from IOM for the realisation of their

actual departure; this applies to migrants from visa-free countries as well. Migrants from the western Balkans, Moldavia, Ukraine and Georgia should be part of the caseload of the DT&V (Removal and Deportation Service) in order to be eligible for support.

Parliamentary Paper (Kamerstuk) 29344 nr 134, 8.6.18

https://zoek.officielebekendmakingen.nl/kst-29344-134.html

4. ACTIVITIES

WODC: Accommodation and shelter by State and by municipalities for migrants who are required to leave and its influence on their return

This report concerns the effects of offering accommodation and shelter by the State (in family locations and Freedom-Restricted Locations) and municipalities (in the bed-bath-bread facilities) of asylum seekers who have exhausted all legal remedies.

Research has shown that shelter and support by municipalities are the most successful in realising departure. The Secretary of State will use the results when designing the LVV. https://www.wodc.nl/binaries/2882 Volledige Tekst tcm28-325328.pdf, apr18

<u>Pilot at 'Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven' (compensation fund violent crimes): expert's report for victims</u> of human trafficking

In many cases permits of victims of human trafficking are not extended because there are too few leads for prosecution. In order to address this problem a committee has been established within the *Schadefonds Geweldsmisdrijven* whose task it is to issue a multidisciplinary expert's report about the credibility of victimhood in individual cases.

The pilot has been operative for over five months and 24 applications have been received. Almost all of these have been submitted by a lawyer on behalf of the victim. But social and care professionals can submit applications as well.

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'Europe on Trial'

Human rights activist Yoonis Osman Nuur and political curator Lara Staal bring to justice Europe. Is the European Union guilty of neglecting hospitality and of violation of human rights in view of the 'refugee crisis'? Headed by legal experts *Europe on Trial* will consult several experts and witnesses who will provide their verdict. Guilty or innocent?

Replay: https://www.debalie.nl/agenda/podium/europe-on-trial/e 9783381/p 11771362/

Since 2003, the LOS Foundation (the Dutch acronym for 'Landelijk Ongedocumenteerden Steunpunt') has been the knowledge centre for people and organizations providing assistance to undocumented migrants. LOS Foundation devotes itself to the basic rights of these migrants and their children.