## Children under the age of 18 who have applied for protection (asylum) parents or guardian in Norway

# Who is UDI interviewing, and whose applications are being answered at present?

In November, December and January, we will:

- conduct interviews with most of those who applied in 2023. By the end of the year, everyone will receive a date for their interview, but the interview itself might take place in January.
- provide an answer to as many of those who have been interviewed as possible. We will not
  manage to answer all applications from those who arrived in 2023, but we are prioritising the
  applicants who have been waiting the longest.
- conduct interviews with those who we consider to be in particularly vulnerable circumstances and notify them of the decision on their applications. This may also include persons who applied in 2024.

#### Why do some people receive an answer before me?

We are giving priority to applicants who have been waiting the longest. For some cases, however, it takes us longer to carry out an interview and to process the application. Even though you may have been waiting longer than others, we have not forgotten your case. It may take longer to process a case for reasons such as:

- we find we need more time to investigate your case after the interview;
- we determine that your case is to be processed by another country under the Dublin Regulation. This may result in you having to wait longer than others for an interview.

If you have not been interviewed or received an answer due to other reasons, we will inform your lawyer why it is taking more time.

We know that long waits are difficult, and we are working hard to process all the applications for asylum as fast as possible.

It is not necessary to contact us to ask when we will finish your case. We will send the answer to your lawyer.

### Is there anything I can do to cut down on the waiting time?

You can make sure that we receive your identity documents as soon as possible.

- If you have original identity documents, you are to present them at your local police station. You can ask your representative / legal guardian to help you to submit all your documents.
- If you have copies and photos, you can take them along with you to your interview. Alternatively, you can send them by post to UDI:

Utlendingsdirektoratet (UDI) Postboks 2098 Vika 0125 Oslo

Remember to write your DUF number on the documents. Your representative can help you with this.

#### Information updates

Information on waiting times was last updated on 15 November 2024.

We will provide another update on 1 February 2025 or before if the situation changes significantly.

