

***Information concerning the protection of asylum seekers and recipients of international protection***

The legal framework on asylum provides that the protection seeker, who does not have maintenance means, has the right to benefit, upon request, for the entire duration of the asylum procedure, of material reception conditions, which guarantees the subsistence and protects her physical and mental health.

Material reception conditions consist of accommodation, food, maintenance and hygiene materials, clothing and footwear, transportation, which may be granted in kind, in the form of financial allowances or vouchers or through a combination of these 3 elements.

At present, the food allocation is in amount of 10 lei/person/day and the clothing allocation is in amount of 67 lei/person/summer and of 100 lei/person/winter; the allocation for other expenses (such as local transport, cultural services, press, repair and maintenance services, personal hygiene products) is 6 lei/person/day. The accommodation is either offered in one of the 6 regional centres for the reception of asylum-seekers or subsidised in the amount of 450 lei/person/month (the maintenance expenses are also subsidised in the amount of 120 lei/summer month and 155 lei/winter month). These amounts are subject to periodical indexation, based on data on the quality of life provided by the National Institute for Statistics.

Persons who obtain a form of international protection and register in the integration program may benefit, if they do not have their own financial resources, of a non-refundable financial aid for a period of maximum 12 months. This assistance is granted monthly by local Agencies for Payments and Social Inspection and depends on the degree of participation of the person concerned in the activities included in the individual integration plan, part of the governmental integration program. An exception to the obligation to participate in the activities included in the individual integration plan shall be made to persons classified in the category of vulnerable cases.

Regarding the number of applicants for international protection in the territory of Romania who, not having material means of maintenance, benefited from material reception conditions, the latest statistical data shall be presented as follows:

Material reception conditions			
2017		2018	
No. of beneficiaries	Compared to a total no. of presented asylum applications	No. of beneficiaries	Compared to a total no. of presented asylum applications
3,938	4,819	2,183	2,138
Non-refundable financial aid			
2017		2018	
No. of requests	Compared to the total no. of granted asylum applications	No. of requests	Compared to the total no. of granted asylum applications
783	1,330	1,146	665