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THE NETHERLANDS

VOLUNTARY RETURN AND REINTEGRATION ASSISTANCE FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) assistance is offered free of charge to migrants in need of return support, for example (ex-)asylum seekers, migrants with a pending residence permit procedure, migrants holding a temporary residence permit on asylum grounds, migrants in an irregular situation and stranded migrants unable to travel onwards to their final destination. Migrants in (administrative) detention may also qualify for AVRR assistance.

Many migrants can benefit from AVRR assistance. However, migrants with the nationality, a valid residence permit (except holders of a temporary asylum permit) or visa of an EU/EEA member state, European microstate or a country in the top-35 highest incomes are excluded. Please check the following link to the IOM website for the list of excluded countries: iom-nederland.nl/excluded. Unaccompanied minor children and victims of trafficking can receive AVRR assistance, irrespective of their nationality. Migrants who are excluded may be able to receive AVRR assistance on an exceptional basis when they are in a vulnerable situation. This will be assessed case-by-case.

When can migrants make use of our support?

- The migrant requesting IOM assistance wants to return voluntarily.
- The migrant had the intention to settle in the Netherlands for a longer period of time.
- The migrant or the legal guarantee for stay in the Netherlands or a resettlement country lacks the financial means to pay for the return.
- The Government of the Netherlands does not have any objections to the departure.
- The migrant has not received voluntary return assistance provided by IOM or the Dutch government in the past five years.
- A valid travel document is available or can be requested from the relevant authorities.
- The application for return is not done under false pretences and the migrant cooperates with IOM to prepare the departure.
- The return can logistically and safely be organized by IOM.
- If applicable, the migrant agrees with the termination of pending residence permit procedures or the withdrawal of their (temporary asylum) permit when departing from the Netherlands.



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What kind of assistance can we provide?

- Information and counselling about voluntary return in the migrant's own language.
- Logistic support to help prepare the journey, including the flight ticket.
- Advice and, if needed, assistance with obtaining a travel document, including the reimbursement of related costs.
- Assistance during the departure and, if necessary, during transits and upon arrival.
- A financial allowance to cover immediate expenses during the journey and directly after arrival, including transport costs to the final destination.
- Additional support for unaccompanied minor children, victims of trafficking and migrants with health needs.
- Reintegration support for eligible nationalities. Please check the following link to the IOM website for the complete list of eligible nationalities: iom-nederland.nl/avrr-countrylist.

How to get in touch with us?

IOM offers consultation sessions at various locations in the Netherlands, for example at COA reception centres, immigration detention centres and civil society organizations. IOM can also visit migrants upon request at other locations if it is difficult for them to travel, for example in an emergency shelter or a medical facility. In addition, virtual information and counselling sessions are possible.

For more information or an appointment with an IOM counsellor
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