

Pursuant to Article 16 of the Law on Migration Management ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 107/12), Article 46 of the Law on Asylum ("Official Gazette of RS", no 109/07) and Article 42, paragraph 1 of the Law on the Government ("Official Gazette of RS", no. 55/05, 71/05 - correction, 101/07, 65/08, 16/11, 68/12 - CC, 72/12, 7/14 – CC and 44/14),

Government issues

REGULATION

On inclusion of persons who have been granted the right to asylum* in social, cultural and economic life

"Official Gazette of RS", no. 101 of 16 December 2016, 56 of 18 July 2018

* Official Gazette of RS, number 56/2018

Article 1

This Regulation regulates inclusion in social, cultural and economic life of persons **granted the right to asylum** *.

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Article 2

Inclusion in the social, cultural and economic life of persons **granted the right to asylum*** is provided through:

- 1) full and timely information on rights, opportunities and obligations;
- 2) learning the Serbian language;
- 3) getting acquainted with Serbian history, culture and Constitutional order;
- 4) assistance with inclusion in the educational system;
- 5) assistance to exercise the right to health and social protection;
- 6) assistance with inclusion in the labor market.

Inclusion in the social, cultural and economic life of the person **granted the right to asylum*** as stipulated in paragraph 1 of this Article is provided by the Commissariat for Refugees and Migration (hereinafter: Commissariat).

The Asylum Office shall notify the persons granted asylum, both orally and with a delivery of informative material, to contact the Commissariat in order to be able to exercise the rights and duties referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article. *

The Asylum Office provides timely information to the Commissariat about adopted asylum applications. *

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Article 3

Providing full and timely information to persons granted the **right to asylum*** about their rights, opportunities and obligations, is ensured through the provision of information material in printed or in electronic form, in a language the person **granted asylum*** understands or there is reasonable belief that he/she understands it.

Informative material contains relevant information on rights, duties, employment opportunities, education and personal training of persons **granted the right to asylum ***, as well as information on existing programs and projects intended to include these persons in social, cultural and economic life.

The information material referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article shall be prepared by the Commissariat, in cooperation with competent ministries and relevant institutions responsible for the tasks related to the exercise of the rights of persons **granted the right to asylum***.

Information material is published electronically on the web page of the Commissariat, and the printed material is delivered to the competent ministries and institutions referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article.

If the person granted the **right to asylum*** requests so, the Commissariat shall provide all relevant information orally, as well.

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Article 4

A person granted the right to asylum is obliged to attend Serbian language lessons in the Republic of Serbia and to register for them with the Commissariat within 15 days of the day the valid decision granting him the right to asylum came to force. *

Provision of Serbian language lessons to a person **granted the right to asylum *** is as follows:

- 1) if he/she is not included in regular educational system in the Republic of Serbia;
- 2) if he/she is attending regular school;
- 3) if he/she is older than 65 years.

Persons referred to in paragraph 1, item 1) of this Article shall be provided with 300 lessons of Serbian language during a school year.

Persons qualified to perform jobs that require higher education may be provided, in addition to 300 lessons of the Serbian language from paragraph 2 of this Article, additional 100 lessons of Serbian language during a school year in certified schools for foreign languages with certified programs for learning the Serbian language.

Persons referred to in paragraph 1, item 2) of this Article, in addition to the classes of the Serbian language through regular education, additional 140 hours of lessons shall be provided either in schools for foreign languages or through regular schools, if possible.

Persons referred to in paragraph 1, item 3) of this Article shall be provided with 200 lessons of the Serbian language within the customized Serbian language program for day to day communication, either through schools of foreign languages or through associations that propose appropriate program and are able to engage adequate staff.

Persons referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article who attend the Serbian language classes outside their place of residence, due to the fact that it was not possible to organize the classes in their place of residence, are entitled to reimbursement of transportation expenses in the amount of public transportation costs.

Commissariat shall refer a person **granted the right to asylum*** to the Serbian language classes no later than two months after the date the valid **decision on granting the right to asylum or subsidiary protection*** came to force, taking into account the beginning of the summer or winter semester in regular schools or foreign language schools.

The deadline referred to in paragraph 7 of this Article may be extended until the beginning of the summer or winter semester in regular schools or schools of foreign languages, only if the period from the validity of the **decision on granting the right to asylum or subsidiary protection*** until the beginning of the summer or winter semester in regular schools, or foreign language schools is longer than two months.

If the person granted the right to asylum, without justifiable cause does not report to the Commissariat to attend Serbian language classes within 15 days from the date of validity of the decision by which he / she is granted the right to asylum, or ceases to attend the classes, he/she loses the right to one-time financial assistance from the budget of the Republic of Serbia, and the Commissariat does not have the obligation to provide that person with additional hours of Serbian language *

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Article 5

A person **granted the right to asylum*** is provided with inclusion in the program for learning about the Serbian culture, history and constitutional order in maximum duration of 30 hours per year.

The program referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be proposed by associations, and approved and financed by the Commissariat.

When creating a program referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article, associations must take into account the required content determined by the Commissioner, in cooperation with the ministry responsible for cultural affairs and the ministry responsible for public administration.

If the person granted the **right to asylum ***, without a just cause, does not participate in the program of learning about the Serbian culture, history and constitutional order in the time period specified for him/her, the Commissariat has no obligation to provide for new or additional hours for that person to participate in the program of learning about Serbian culture, history and constitutional order.

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Article 6

For children involved in pre-school, elementary and secondary education, as well as for illiterate adults **granted the right to asylum*** assistance is provided upon enrolling into the educational system in the Republic Serbia.

For children from paragraph 1 of this Article assistance is provided in the form of:

- 1) provision of textbooks and school supplies;
- 2) assistance to initiate the procedure for the recognition of foreign diplomas and certificates;
- 3) provision of learning assistance;
- 4) financial assistance for inclusion in extracurricular activities

The assistance referred to in paragraph 2, item 3) shall be provided in cooperation with schools and associations.

Illiterate adults are provided with assistance to enroll into literacy programs for adults in cooperation with the ministry competent for education.

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Article 7

A person **granted the right to asylum** * is provided with assistance regarding inclusion in the labor market in the form of:

- 1) assistance in obtaining necessary documents required for registration with the National Employment Service and employment agency;
- 2) assistance in initiating the procedure for the recognition of foreign diplomas and certificates;
- 3) provision of inclusion in additional education and training in accordance with the needs of the labor market;
- 4) assistance in inclusion in measures of active employment policy.

Retraining and additional training are provided by the service providers who conduct certified training programs.

Measures referred to in paragraph 1, items 3 and 4 of this Article shall be provided in cooperation with the National Employment Service.

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Article 8

Person **granted the right to asylum*** may receive one-time financial assistance from the Commissariat, in cases of special social or health needs in accordance with the law, **no**

longer than one year from the date of the validity of the decision on granting the right to asylum or subsidiary protection.*

One-time financial assistance is provided at the request of the person **granted the right to asylum *** or if proposed by the institution for social or health protection.

The procedure for obtaining one-time financial assistance and its amount are determined by the Commissioner.

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Article 9

In order to implement the activities for inclusion into social, cultural and economic life of the person granted the **right to asylum***, Commissariat develops an integration plan.

The integration plan is developed for each person **granted the right to asylum*** individually.

If, apart from the person **granted the right to asylum***, **asylum is also granted *** to the family members, individual integration plans are developed in accordance with the principle of family unity and are implemented as a single integration plan for the entire family.

The integration plan is adopted for a period of one year.

The integration plan contains information of importance for decision-making regarding the provision of assistance to a person **granted asylum***, such as information about gender, age, level of education, family status, occupation, work experience and other relevant information important for proposing adequate activities, as well as the type and the scope of assistance provided.

The integration plan is prepared in the Serbian language, and the person for whom it is prepared is informed of its content in a language that he/she understands or for which there is a reasonable belief that he/she understands it.

The Commissariat regularly monitors the implementation of the integration plan and, if necessary, proposes changes.

In drafting the integration plan, competent center for social work, educational institution, National Employment Service, and health care institution shall actively participate, and if necessary, and given the personal characteristics of the person **granted the right to asylum***, other local authorities and bodies of self-government where persons are **granted the right to asylum*** may also participate.

When designing an integration plan, the Commissariat may be assisted by associations experienced in providing legal and psycho-social assistance to various categories of migrants.

Commissariat is announcing a public call for the selection of associations that can help in drafting an integration plan.

Criteria on the basis of which the associations referred to in paragraph 9 of this Article are selected shall be determined by the Commissioner, with prior approval of the Office for Asylum and the Office for Cooperation with Civil Society.

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Article 10

State authorities, local self-government units, holders of public authority and other organizations involved in the implementation of this Regulation are obliged to respect the principles of the law governing the position, rights and obligations of persons who have requested or have been granted international protection.

Information obtained for the purpose of implementing this Regulation shall specifically not be revealed to the country of origin of the person granted the **right to asylum*** except in the cases and in the manner stipulated by law.

Article 11

Financial means necessary for implementation of a program to include a person **granted the right to asylum*** in social, cultural and economic life of the Republic of Serbia shall be provided from the budget of the Republic of Serbia in accordance with law.

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Article 12

This Regulation shall enter into force on the eighth day following the day of its publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

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Government

President,

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