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Refugees

**A person granted refugee status or subsidiary protection:**

* Has the right of **indefinite residence** in Poland.
* Receives a **residence card** (valid for 3 years, with renewal) and a Geneva Travel Document (valid for 2 years, with renewal). In the case of subsidiary protection, this residence card is valid for 2 years, with renewal.
* Has the **same rights as Polish citizens, except the right to vote**. This includes the right to live in Poland, travel, work and start a business without a special work permit, access education, receive social assistance including unemployment benefits, and access to the public health service.
* Has access to **integration assistance** for up to 12 months

Application for granting asylum may be submitted while staying in the Republic of Poland or while staying abroad. The application is submitted directly to the Head of the Office for Foreigners. The application may also include other persons, in particular the spouse of the applicant or minor children.

There is no dedicated asylum application form, however asylum application must contain the following elements:

* – personal details of the applicant and the person on whose behalf the applicant acts, within the scope necessary to grant asylum,
* – indication of the country of origin of the applicant and the person on whose behalf the applicant acts,
* – indication of key events serving as the basis for seeking asylum.