

TIMELINE OF RETURN POLICIES: POLAND

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OTHER MIGRATION RELATED POLICIES

Transposition of the return directive	Multiple ordinances regarding formal part of the return of the migrant and stay in the detention camp •Ordinance of the Minister of the Internal Affairs on the method of note the decision to refuse entry into the territory in a foreigner's travel document;	Introduction of the calculator of the cost of the return process	no changes	Ordinance on the detention camps and arrest for migrants	Ordinance of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration of July 20, 2018 on the costs related to the execution of the decision obliging a foreigner to return	Ordinance of the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration on the template of an application for placement of a foreigner in a detention camp or for applying for a detention center for foreigners and a template of an application for extending the period of stay of a foreigner in a detention center or arrest.	Regulation on the detention camps and arrest for migrants.	Readmission agreement with Belarus was "ineffective" since Autumn 2020, when Belarusian border authorities stopped to honor readmission requests from Poland.	Admission of Ukrainian refugees (introduction of the Act on Assistance to citizens of Ukraine with the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation of 12 March 2022)	Change of the appeal body - Commander-in-Chief of the Border Guard.
Act on Foreigners	•Ordinance regarding the fingerprint card template on which fingerprints are taken from a foreigner in the event of an obligation for the foreigner to return and when the foreigner crossed the border illegally.	Multiple ordinances regarding specific detention camps					Temporary ordinances (COVID-19) regarding the entrance to Poland, extension of visas and residence permits card, extension of deadlines to leave the territory of Poland after issuance of return decision (voluntary return), extension of deadlines to leave the territory of Poland after issuance of final negative decision	Amendment to the law on foreigners 14.10.2021- introduces art. 303b which allows the issue of the obligation to leave Poland (not return process) in cases of illegal border crossing		Multiple amendments to the Act on Foreigners - shortened time for submitting an appeal against the decision to oblige a foreigner to return (from 14 to 7 days)
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
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