

Here is the translation of the text to simple English:

### **\*\*Right to Family Reunification in Greece\*\***

If you have been granted refugee status, you have the right to family reunification. This means you can apply for your family members who are living in their country of origin or another non-EU country to join you in Greece.

**\*\*Important:\*\*** People who have been granted subsidiary or temporary protection cannot apply for family reunification.

**\*\*Who is considered a family member for family reunification:\*\***

You can apply for:

- \* Your husband or wife (over 18 years old)
- \* Unmarried children under 18 years old, including adopted children
- \* Other children (under 18 years old) who are not married, including adopted children, if you or your partner have full custody
- \* Adult unmarried children who cannot take care of themselves due to health reasons
- \* Your parents, if they lived with you and depended on you before you came to Greece, and they don't have family support in their country of origin
- \* Unmarried partner with whom you have a stable and long-term relationship (with proof, such as a child or previous cohabitation)

If you are an unaccompanied minor and have been granted refugee status, you can apply for:

- \* Your parents
- \* Your legal guardian or another family member if your parents are not available

**\*\*Required documents:\*\***

If you apply for family reunification within 3 months of receiving your refugee status or if you are under 18, you will need:

- \* A copy of your family members' travel documents
- \* A recent certificate confirming your family relationships and their age
- \* If applying for a child, a document from the competent authority in the child's country of residence, confirming you or your partner have sole custody

These documents must be certified by the competent Greek authorities and translated. Here is the translation of the text to English:

To check what is required to certify documents issued by different countries, please visit the website of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs [HERE](#).

If you submit a family reunification application more than 3 months after receiving the decision granting international protection, you will need to submit the following documents:

- \* A certified copy of a housing purchase or rental agreement that can meet the housing needs of your family.
- \* A copy of the tax clearance certificate (Greek: "Αντίγραφο εκκαθαριστικού

σημειώματος") showing an annual income sufficient to support yourself and your family (the minimum required income depends on the number of family members).

\* A copy of a social security certificate that also covers family members.

How to apply for family reunification:

You must book an appointment to submit a family reunification application through the online services of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum.

1. Visit the website <https://migration.gov.gr>
2. In the top right corner of the page, select: e-Services
3. Select: Asylum Services
4. Select: Appointment Scheduling
5. In "To Regional Office/ Autonomous Asylum Unit", select: the competent Asylum Office in your region or the competent Asylum Unit for beneficiaries of international protection
6. In the top right corner, select the language you want to use
7. Fill in your details and select "Submit".

For your convenience, please bring copies of the passports of the family members you wish to reunite with on the day of your appointment.

Procedure:

- \* The Asylum Service will invite you for an interview.
- \* The relevant authorities may also invite your family members for a personal interview and conduct any necessary investigation to establish your family ties.

\* A decision will be issued and notified to you within nine months.

\* After a positive decision on the family reunification application, your family members must obtain an entry permit (visa) at the relevant Greek consulate to travel to Greece.

□Remember that the family reunification process is complex and time-consuming.