

# Glossary: Asylum applicant considered to be an unaccompanied minor

Statistics Explained

A person considered to be an unaccompanied minor (aged less than 18) is a minor who arrives on the territory of the Member States unaccompanied by an adult responsible for him or her whether by law or by the practice of the Member State concerned, and for as long as he or she is not effectively taken into the care of such a person. It includes a minor who is left unaccompanied after he or she has entered the territory of the Member States. 'Asylum applicants considered to be unaccompanied minors' refer to all applicants for international protection who are considered by the national authority to be unaccompanied minors during the reference period. The age of unaccompanied minors reported by Member States shall refer to the age accepted by the national asylum authority. In case the national authority carries out an age assessment procedure in relation to the applicant claiming to be an unaccompanied minor, the age reported shall be the age determined by the age assessment procedure.

## Related concepts

- [Unaccompanied minor](#)
- [Application for international protection](#)
- [Asylum applicant](#)
- [Asylum decision](#)
- [Asylum recognition rate](#)
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## Statistical data

- [Asylum applications - annual statistics](#)