

Qualification: Reforming the Common European Asylum System

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The Commission is proposing to replace the Qualification Directive with a Regulation to ensure uniform standards for protection and rights granted to refugees and beneficiaries of subsidiary protection. Asylum applications must be treated equally across the EU to avoid secondary movements and undue pull factors to certain Member States and must lead to the same results, regardless of the Member State in which the application is made. Without affecting applicants' integration prospects, protection should only be granted for as long as the grounds for persecution or serious harm persist.

Main objectives of the proposal

Further **harmonisation** of the common criteria **for recognising applicants for international protection**



NEW

Obligation (currently optional) for authorities **to assess the possible internal protection alternatives.**

Further **harmonisation** of the **rights** of beneficiaries of international protection



NEW

In particular as regards the **duration** and **format** of **residence permits.**

Stricter rules sanctioning secondary movements of beneficiaries of international protection



NEW

The 5-year period after which beneficiaries of international protection are eligible for long-term resident status **should be restarted each time** the person is found in a Member State where they do not have the right to stay and reside.

More **convergence** of **asylum decisions** across the EU



NEW

Obligation for the relevant authorities in Member States to take into account **the common analysis and guidance on the situation in the country of origin** from the **European Union Agency for Asylum** and the **European Country of Origin Information networks**.

Compulsory **systematic** and **regular status reviews** ensuring that protection is granted only **for as long as it is needed**

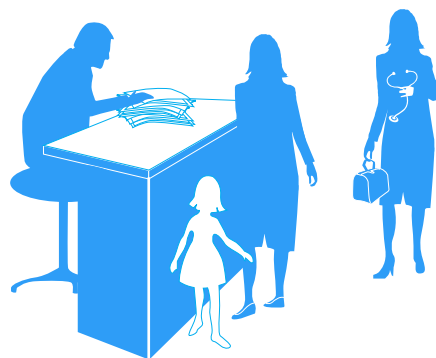


NEW

Obligation for Member States to carry out status reviews when they **renew residence permits*** and **when triggered by a change in EU level country of origin information or guidance**.

**for the first time for refugees and for the first and second time for beneficiaries of subsidiary protection*

Strengthening integration



NEW

Clarification of the scope of the **rights** and **obligations** of beneficiaries as regards **social security** and **social assistance**. Allow Member States to make the granting of certain social assistance conditional on **effective participation** in integration measures.