





## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will end registration process in Turkey on 10 September 2018.

The Directorate General of Migration Management (DGMM), as the national authority entrusted by the Law on Foreigners and International Protection, is responsible for registering and processing international protection applications. UNHCR has provided support to DGMM during its formation process, including registration of international protection applicants and referral processes. This is to give notice that as of 10 September 2018, UNHCR will stop registering foreigners wishing to apply for international protection in Turkey.

Pursuant to the Law on Foreigners and International Protection, foreigners who would like to apply for international protection in Turkey shall approach the Provincial Directorates of Migration Management (PDMM) in the cities upon entry to the country. PDMMs will initiate and undertake registration and further processing of the international protection applications lodged by individuals.

UNHCR will continue its protection activities, including delivery of counselling services, to refugees and asylum-seekers in Turkey. If you have protection needs or are in need of counselling about the procedures or about your rights and obligations in Turkey, you can approach UNHCR and its partner organizations. UNHCR will continue to have access to international protection applicants and, subject to the consent of the applicant, to the information concerning the international protection application lodged by the individual.

### In this context:

# 1

## International protection applicants who are already registered and referred to cities by UNHCR

- ✓ You need to approach the PDMM to apply for international protection, as mentioned in the referral letter given to you by UNHCR.
- ✓ UNHCR and its partners will continue to provide protection services, including counselling, to international protection applicants or status holders in Turkey. If you have protection needs, or are in need of counselling, you can approach UNHCR and its partner organizations.
- ✓ UNHCR will continue to have access to international protection applicants and, subject to the consent of the applicant, to the information concerning the international protection application lodged by the individual.



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## Persons who have recently arrived in Turkey and who have not yet been registered by PDMM

- ✓ Please approach the PDMM upon your arrival in Turkey and apply for registration as soon as possible.
- ✓ There is no need to obtain a referral letter from UNHCR in Ankara in order to lodge your application for international protection at the PDMM. You can approach the PDMM at your location.
- ✓ Having your registration completed with the PDMM will legalize your stay in Turkey. You will be issued an ID card with a Foreigners' ID number, which will give you access to the rights and services as per the Turkish legislation.
- ✓ International protection applications are received by 81 provinces while permanent stay in some cities are not allowed under the legislation. If you apply to one of the provinces where residence is not allowed, you will be referred to a province where longer-term residence is regulated – these provinces are shown in green on the map.
- ✓ PDMM and the protection desks will identify your protection needs and vulnerabilities. If you have any special needs, please inform the interviewer at the PDMM. Based on an assessment, your application may be prioritized.
- ✓ UNHCR and its partners will continue to provide protection services, including counselling, to international protection applicants or status holders in Turkey. If you have protection needs or are in need of counselling, you can approach UNHCR and its partner organizations.
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