Latvia

Institutional Framework for migration and asylum*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

www.mfa.gov.lv/en

Visa and relations with third countries

State Border Guard

www.rs.gov.lv

Border control, visas, EU funds, irregular migration, removal, detention, statistics, initial asylum procedure, relations with third

- Implementation of the state border control and state immigration control

State Security Service

https://vdd.gov.lv/en/

National security

Cooperation

Coordination

Other input

- Check applicants who may pose a risk for national security

Legend:

Ministry of Interior

www.iem.gov.lv/eng

Immigration policy, asylum policy, EU funds

- Leading state administration institution on migration and asylum

Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs

www.pmlp.gov.lv/en

Immigration policy, asylum policy, visas, residence permits, citizenship, EU funds, asylum applications, irregular immigration, unaccompanied minors, admission, statistics

- Implementation of the state immigration and asylum policy;
- Issuance of person's identification and travel documents, including passports and personal identification documents;
- Issuance of residence permits and visas inside the country:
- Issuance of work permit;
- Confirmation of invitations and writeen requests;
- Issuance of voluntary return decisions and removal orders;
- Determination of legal status;
- Asylum procedure and organization of reception and services for asylum seekers:
- Maintaining the population record;
- **EMN National Contactpoint**

Ministry of Culture www.km.gov.lv/en

Integration

-Leading state administration institution on integration of asylum seekers and third-country nationals

Society Integration Fund

www.sif.gov.lv

Integration of asylum seekers

- Provision of a socio-economic inclusion program for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection

Ministry of Education and Science

www.izm.gov.lv/en

Education

-Ensures education to persons aged 5 to 18

Ministry of Heatlh

www.vm.gov.lv/en

Health care

-Ensures primary and emergency health care for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international protection

Ministry of Welfare

www.lm.gov.lv/en

Social security

Ensures social security for beneficeries of international protection

State Employment Agency

www.nva.gov.lv

Employment

- Ensures courses, including Latvian language courses, and consulations for beneficeries of international protection
- Employers recruit migrant workers only after having made every reasonable effort to recruit local workers (registering vacancy in SEA)

Municipalities

Social security, especially for vulnerable persons

- Social security for beneficieries of international protection with low level of income

Orphan's and Custody Courts

Representation of unaccompanied minor interests

- Appoints a guardian or empower Head of Child Care Institution to represent the unaccompanied minor interests.

Non-Govermental and International Organizations

Practical and informational aid, language courses assisted voluntary return and reintegration assistance

- The Society «Shelter «Safe House»» ensures Latvian language courses
- Latvian Red Cross ensures social-economic inclusion of asylum seekers
- Assisted voluntary return and reintegration is implemented by International Organization for Migration

Legal Aid Administration

www.jpa.gov.lv

Legal Aid

-Ensures legal aid to persons with insufficient financial means

Appeal

Immigration

Senate of the Supreme Court Administrative Court Administrative Regional Court

Ensure control over decision taken

Asylum

Administrative Regional and District Court

- Ensure control over decision taken
- Make decision on detention



*Please note that this institutional chart provides an indicative overview of the asylum and migration system in the MS concerned on February 2019