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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In Latvia the status of a stateless person is regulated by the Law on Stateless Persons. According to the provisions of law, a person can be recognized as stateless in Latvia if no country has recognized this person as its citizen. A person who has been recognized as stateless in Latvia receives a stateless person's travel document.

The validity period of a stateless person's travel document is 2 years (in accordance with point 5 of the annex to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons). A stateless person in the Republic of Latvia is issued a temporary residence permit that does not exceed 5 years.

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Considering that a stateless person's travel document in Latvia is issued for a validity period of 2 years, while the temporary residence permit is issued for a validity period of 5 years, this creates an administrative burden. Therefore, it is necessary to identify the practices of other EU member states and decide on changes to the legal framework regarding the issuance period for stateless persons' travel documents.


WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

We would very much appreciate your responses by **23 September 2025**.


1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.
2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?
3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?
4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.
5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).
6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?

RESPONSES

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		Unrestricted Dissemination ?	
 EMN NCP Austria		Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Stateless persons may be issued with an alien's passport in Austria upon application, provided that this is in the interests of the Republic regarding the person concerned, or that they are lawfully resident in the federal territory (Art. 88 para. 1 subpara. 1 and para. 2 Aliens Police Act).</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>See Q1. Alien passports can be issued with a validity period of five years, unless a shorter validity period is requested or a shorter validity period is sufficient in view of the conditions governing the issuance of the alien passport (Art. 90 para. 1 Aliens Police Act).</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>The regulations governing the period of validity are set out in the Austrian Aliens Police Act.</p>

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			<p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>n/a</p>
	EMN NCP Belgium	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES, but not automatically. Individuals recognised as stateless can obtain a travel document ("grey passport") from the Belgian government if the following conditions are met:</p>

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- Their identity is established;
- Their stateless status is established (granted by a family court);
- They cannot obtain a national passport or an emergency travel document from their competent authority. A recognition as a stateless person by the court is sufficient proof of impossibility;
- They have at least a limited right of residence (which is not automatically granted with stateless status, see answer to Q4);
- They are not subject to a judicial measure restricting their freedom of movement or legally determined measures restricting their freedom of movement for the purposes of protecting national or public security, maintaining public order, preventing criminal offenses, or protecting the health, morals, or rights and freedoms of others.


If these conditions are met, the individual can request a travel document at their municipality of residence.

2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

The travel document is a passport, called the "grey passport". It has a validity of 2 years. The period of validity ends immediately if the person loses their right of residence in Belgium or if they acquire another nationality.

3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?

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			<p>N/A.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO. Recognition as stateless by the family court does not automatically grant a right of residence. Since September 2024, a new administrative procedure is in place whereby individuals can apply for a residence permit on the grounds of statelessness with the Immigration Office.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Bulgaria</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes</p>

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2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

A person with granted status of stateless person in the Republic of Bulgaria and a permanent or a long-term residence permit in the Republic of Bulgaria shall be issued an identity document "certificate for traveling abroad of a stateless person" with a validity of not less than three months and not more than two years.

3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?


N/A

4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.

Yes

5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).


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			<p>A person, who has been granted a status of stateless persons in the Republic of Bulgaria, who fails to meet the conditions to receive a permanent or long-term residence permit on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria may be allowed a prolonged residence up to one year by Regulation (EC) N° 1030/2002.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>Up to one year.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Croatia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES. Travel document can be issued to persons granted statelessness status, in line with The 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, provided they have granted temporary, long-term or permanent stay.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>Travel document issued is a passport, issued for the period of validity of granted temporary stay, or, in case of long-term or permanent stay, to five year period.</p>


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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>The legal basis is Article 9 of the Croatian Aliens Act (OG 133/20, 114/22, 151/22, 40/25), and Article 62 of the Regulation on the residence of third-country nationals in the Republic of Croatia (OG 20/2022).</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO. Statelessness is determined in the procedure for international protection or application for residence permit.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
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 EMN NCP Cyprus	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit). N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit? N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Czech Republic</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO. YES.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued? It is a type of travel document called a "travel identity document". The legal basis is National law (specifically Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals in the Territory of the Czech Republic). The period of validity of this document corresponds to the period of validity of the "right to remain national visa", which is usually issued to the stateless person.</p>

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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>In case the statelessness status is granted and the person concerned is not a holder of another type of residence permit (such as a student, work, or family residence permit, etc.), a national "tolerated stay visa" is issued.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>The national type of "tolerated stay visa" is issued.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>It is usually issued for one year and may be renewed.</p>
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 EMN NCP Estonia	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. Estonia hasn't joined the 1954 Convention related to the Status of Stateless Persons. Thus, we are issuing so-called alien's passport to foreigners who have a valid Estonian residence permit or right of residence and it is proved that they lack a travel document issued by a foreign country and it is not possible for them to obtain one, are not related to documents issued to stateless persons under the Convention. The alien's passport has a term of validity of up to 10 years.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p>
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		<p>N/A</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>+ EMN NCP Finland</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>A person regarded as stateless may be granted a residence permit in Finland and such persons are then, as a result, usually also eligible for a travel document. The type of travel document depends on the type of residence permit the person is granted. For example, if a stateless person is granted refugee status, he/she may be issued a refugee travel document. The other possibility is an Alien's passport (people without refugee status). Finland does not have a specific travel document only for stateless persons. Note that under the current legislation it is very difficult for a stateless person to obtain a residence permit on other grounds besides international protection. For example, residence permits for students or employees require a valid national travel document and stateless persons can't usually obtain such a document.</p>


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			<p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>The possibilities are (1) Refugee travel document, which is normally issued for 5 years, and (2) Alien's passport, which is issued for 1-5 years depending on the case.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>Both travel documents (Refugee travel document and Alien's passport) can be issued for a maximum of five years according to articles 134 and 135 of the Finnish Immigration Act.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p>
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			<p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP France</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>a biometric travel document is issued to stateless persons, the travel document is valid for 4 years for persons holding a a 4-year residence permit as stateless and valid for 5 years for persons holding a ten-year residence permit</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>1954 convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and article L.582-7 of the French code of the entry and stay of foreign nationals and right to asylum (CESEDA)</p>


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			<p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>The stateless person is issued a 4-year residence permit. After 4 years of stay with this multi-year residence permit, they can apply for a ten-year residence permit</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>see Q5</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Georgia</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>It is a Travel Passport with the maximum validity of 2 years.</p>


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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES. If stateless status is granted, the respective decision will also include the issuance of a residence permit.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>In general, it is a (temporary) residence permit for a stateless person. However, residence permit with the right of permanent residence shall be granted to a stateless person whose citizenship of Georgia has been terminated by reason of renunciation of the citizenship of Georgia, or who has permanently lived in Georgia as of 31 March 1993, or who has not been considered a citizen of Georgia and has not been deregistered his/her permanent registration in Georgia after 31 March 1993.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p>
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	EMN NCP Germany	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes. Travel documents can be issued to Stateless Persons in accordance with Art. 28 and the annex of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. However, Stateless Status is not formally but incidentally examined by the competent foreigners' authority that decides on issuing travel documents for Stateless Persons.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>Travel documents for Stateless Persons are issued for the duration of the residence title that one person holds – but for a maximum of three years. In cases in which a person has a permanent settlement permit, an EU long-term residence permit or a document issued on the basis of the Freedom of Movement Act/EU the travel document is issued for up to ten years. An extension is not permitted.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>The legal basis for issuing travel documents to Stateless Persons for more than two years in international law is Art. 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. In Germany, Section 4 Para 1 of the Ordinance Governing Residence serves as the legal basis</p>

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			<p>for issuing travel documents for stateless persons.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. In Germany a person first must be a legal resident, which involves being in possession of a valid residence title, in order to be granted a travel document for Stateless Persons.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>n/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Greece</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO.</p> <p>According to the contribution by the Directorate of Legal Support for Asylum and Reception of the Ministry of Migration and Asylum, the Asylum Service has been designated as competent for implementing the New York Convention of 28th September 1954 relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, in accordance with the provision of Article 1 paragraph 1 of Law 4375/2016 (Government Gazette Issue A' No. 51).</p>

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Furthermore, in accordance with the provision of Article 7 paragraph 7 of the same law, the procedures for determining the status of stateless persons, the content of that status, and any other related issues, shall be regulated by a Presidential Decree which shall be issued on a proposal of the Ministers of Interior and Administrative Reform, Finance, Culture and Sports, Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Labor, Social Security and Social Solidarity, Health, Foreign Affairs and Justice, and Transparency and Human Rights.

However, the issuance of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree regulating the procedures for determining the status of stateless persons, the content of this status, and any other relevant issue, in accordance with Article 7 paragraph 7 of Law 4375/2016, is still pending.


Finally, it should be noted that, pending the issuance of the above-mentioned Presidential Decree, a stateless person who has been recognized, under the asylum procedure, as a beneficiary of refugee status or subsidiary protection may be issued a travel document ("titre de voyage"), pursuant to Article 24 of Law 4939/2022, as is the case for any third country national enjoying the benefits which the above statuses provide.

2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

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3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the

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			<p>Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>-</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>-</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>-</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>-</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Hungary</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes. Hungary issues a travel document to a stateless person in accordance with Point 5 of the Annex to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and with Article 154 and Article 157 of Act XC of 2023 on General Rules for the Admission and Right of Residence of Third-country Nationals (hereinafter referred to as Act XC of 2023).</p>

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2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

According to Article 243 of Act XC of 2023, the procedures for the determination of stateless status shall be opened upon request submitted to the immigration authority by a person who lawfully resides in the territory of Hungary.


According to Article 70 of Act XC of 2023, in the absence of the requirements for a residence permit specified in the Act a residence permit shall be granted on humanitarian grounds for a person recognized by Hungary as a stateless person, its validity period is 1 year, which may be extended unlimited times.

According to Article 157 of Act XC of 2023, the immigration authority may issue a travel document, upon request, to a stateless person residing in the territory of Hungary for the purpose of travelling abroad, permitting re-entry into the territory of Hungary, within the period of validity. The travel document shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance, which may be extended unlimited times.

According to Article 154 of Act XC of 2023, the foreign representation of Hungary shall issue a single-entry travel document to a third-country national who has been granted stateless status by Hungary, and to third-country nationals with the right of continuous residence, if his or her travel document was lost or destroyed abroad and cannot be replaced abroad or it would entail unreasonable difficulties, and thus, he or she is unable to return to the territory of Hungary.

3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two

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			<p>years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>The travel document shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>yes</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>Please see the answer to Q2.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>Please see the answer to Q2.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Ireland</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>The definition of a 'stateless person' and 1954 Convention rights are not set out in Irish law, and there is no dedicated statelessness determination procedure leading to a statelessness status. While no formal procedure currently exists for establishing statelessness in Ireland, a</p>

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small number of applications for the recognition of statelessness have been dealt with on an ad-hoc basis through the asylum, humanitarian leave to remain and removal processes.[1] In the international protection (IP) process, a person's claim of statelessness is considered purely in the context of determining certain facts related to their protection claim. It is important to note that individuals are not determined to be stateless or awarded stateless status. Rather, their nationality is listed as 'stateless' for the purpose of determining their international protection claim.

Any findings of statelessness are based on an assessment of the information provided by the applicant, using "the balance of probabilities" as the standard of proof. When a finding of statelessness is made, the international protection claim of a stateless person will be determined in respect of their country of former habitual residence. It is not possible to investigate claims of statelessness further at this stage by engaging with former states of habitual residence or countries of origin, as to do so would be in conflict with the mandate to protect those fleeing persecution.

Only refugees have a statutory right to a travel document, although a 1954 Convention Travel Document will be issued if a formal stateless declaration is issued in practice.[2] Stateless people granted residence outside of the international protection process are usually provided with terms and conditions by the Minister for Justice on an administrative basis and rights are not set out in law. These usually include a residence permit for a minimum of 12 months (renewable on certain conditions).[3]

[1] Correspondence with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs And Migration, September 2025

[2] Correspondence with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs And Migration, September 2025

[3] <https://index.statelessness.eu/country/ireland>

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2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

If a stateless person obtained refugee status, the travel document would be a 1951 Convention Travel Document.

Resettled/programme refugees and those with subsidiary protection are not eligible for a 1951 Convention Travel Document. Instead, they can apply for a regular travel document.

A travel document for a refugee is valid for a maximum of 5 years.[1]

[1] <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving-country/asylum-seekers-and-refugees/refugee-status-and-leave-to-remain/travel-documents-for-refugees/>

3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?

Section 55 of the International Protection Act 2015 is the legal basis for 1951 Convention Travel Documents.[1]

[1] <https://www.irishimmigration.ie/coming-to-join-family-in-ireland/applying-for-a-travel-document/>

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4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.

In the absence of a formal statelessness determination procedure, no stateless status exists in Ireland.

Persons identifying as stateless however, are dealt with on an ad hoc basis and may sometimes be granted a residence permit.[1]

[1] Correspondence with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs And Migration, September 2025

5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).

Irish residence permit, often Stamp 4.[1]


[1] Correspondence with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, September 2025

6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?


This depends on the status granted. Refugees and subsidiary protection beneficiaries in Ireland receive a 'Stamp 4' residence permit.

Their Irish Residence Permit is issued for three years, and then renewed for three years

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			<p>renewable.[1]</p> <p>[1] Correspondence with the Department of Justice, Home Affairs and Migration, September 2025</p>
	EMN NCP Latvia	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>The stateless person's travel document is issued for two years.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/a</p>

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			<p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>After receiving a stateless person's travel document, the person must immediately submit documents for a residence permit. A residence permit is issued for five years, regardless of the validity of the travel document.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>Temporary residence permit.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>Validity is five years.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Lithuania</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes</p>

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2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

The type of document issued is a Stateless Person's Travel Document (Asmens be pilietybės kelionės dokumentas).


According to the Description of the Procedure for Issuing a Stateless Person's Travel Document, approved by the Minister of the Interior (Order No. 1V-393 of 24 November 2005, as amended by Order No. 1V-584 of 27 June 2019), the validity is tied to the person's residence right in Lithuania. It is issued for the duration of the temporary or permanent residence permit, but not shorter than 3 months and not longer than 2 years. If, for technical reasons, fingerprints cannot be taken, the document is issued without fingerprints and is valid for no longer than 1 year. For a stateless person who leaves Lithuania to reside abroad for longer than 6 months, the travel document is issued for 1 year.

Information about the design and technological security features of the document can be obtained from the official website of the Personal Document Issuance Centre at

3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?

There is no legal basis in Lithuanian law for issuing a stateless person's travel document with validity exceeding two years. The Description of the Procedure for Issuing a Stateless Person's Travel Document, approved by the Minister of the Interior (Order No. 1V-393 of 24 November

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			<p>2005, as amended by Order No. 1V-584 of 27 June 2019) provides that it may be issued for the period of the person's right to reside in Lithuania, but not shorter than 3 months and not longer than 2 years.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Luxembourg</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES.</p>

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2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?

If stateless status is granted, the applicant is invited to contact the General Department of immigration - Department for foreigners in person so that a biometric travel document for stateless persons can be issued. The travel document has as maximum period of validity of 5 years, and is renewable on request.


3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?

The legal basis is article 5 of the 1954 Convention.

4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.

NO. The recognition of the status as a stateless person does not automatically give the right to a residence permit. The beneficiary of the status is considered a third-country national and must, after obtaining the biometric travel document, submit an application for a temporary authorisation to stay and then an application for a residence permit.

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			<p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit). N/A.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit? N/A.</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Netherlands</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO. YES.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>In The Kingdom of The Netherlands any third-country national who either (a) can legally be considered a stateless person and who has been admitted to the European part of The Netherlands, or (b) is not by the law of any state considered to be its subject and has been admitted to the Caribbean parts of The Netherlands or Aruba, Curaçao or Sint Maarten, is, within the limits of the Paspootwet (Passport Act), entitled to a Dutch travel document for third-country nationals, valid for at least three months to a maximum of five years and for all countries.</p>

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3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?

The legal basis in The Kingdom of The Netherlands for issuing a travel document to stateless persons is article 13 of the Paspoortwet (Passport Act)[1] and articles 4 and 5 of the Wet vaststellingsprocedure staatloosheid (Statelessness Determination Procedure Act)[2], which is a national codification of the 1954 and 1961 UN Conventions on Statelessness.


[1] Article 13 of the Passport Act 2024.

[2] Article 4 and 5 of the Statelessness Determination Procedure Act 2023.

4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.

NO. During a residence procedure, a third-country national may indicate that he or she is (evidently) stateless. This will be assessed and, if a third-country national is evidently stateless, the third-country national is registered as stateless. Furthermore, the Statelessness Determination Act stipulates that foreign nationals who are manifestly stateless and do not have lawful residence in the Netherlands are eligible for an S document[1], which confirms their statelessness. This S document is not an identity document and does not grant the right of residence.


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			<p>[1] Statelessness document (S-document) IND</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit). N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit? N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Poland</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>Poland is not a party to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 August 1954, nor to the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness of 30 August 1961. Under Polish law, stateless persons are treated as foreigners - nationals of other countries - since, pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Act of 12 December 2013 on Foreigners, a foreigner is defined as anyone who does not hold Polish citizenship. The Act on Foreigners does not exclude stateless persons from the possibility of obtaining a temporary residence permit. Although the Act requires a foreigner applying for a temporary residence permit to present a valid travel document, this requirement is mitigated by the Act itself. According to Article 106(3), in particularly justified cases where the foreigner does not possess a valid travel document and has no possibility of obtaining one, they may present another document</p>

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			<p>confirming their identity. Analogous solutions apply in proceedings concerning the granting of a permanent residence permit as well as the granting of an EU long-term resident permit. It should also be noted that the provisions of the law provide for the possibility of a foreigner applying for a so-called foreigner's identity document. For the period of its validity, this document confirms the identity of the foreigner during their stay in Poland. It may be issued to a foreigner who is staying in the territory of the Republic of Poland and does not hold any citizenship, if this is justified by the interest of the Republic of Poland, and provided that the foreigner does not possess a travel document and is unable to obtain another document confirming their identity. Such a document may be used by the foreigner in various everyday situations and may also serve as a substitute for a travel document at the stage of initiating proceedings concerning the legalization of their stay in the territory of the Republic of Poland.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p>
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			<p>n/a</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>n/a</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>n/a</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Portugal</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>YES</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>In Portugal, stateless persons, lawfully residing in Portugal, may apply for a Travel document for stateless persons (article 17 and 25-A Law 23/2007), to which the same rules as the travel document for refugees with the necessary adaptations applies. It is valid for five years, renewable. Additionally, foreign citizens with a valid residence permit, who are citizens of a country without diplomatic or consular representation in Portugal, are stateless, or who clearly demonstrate that they are unable to obtain another passport, may apply for a passport which issuance relies on a positive decision by the Portuguese authorities. A citizen passport for</p>


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			<p>foreigners is valid for a maximum period of two years (Article 35 to 38 Decree-Law 83/2000).</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>Already answered in the previous question: Law 23/2007 and Decree-Law 83/2000.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No. Our national law recognises the status of stateless person to those who no State considers to be its own national, under the terms of the Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (1954). However, the procedure for determining statelessness, applicants' guarantees, the competent entity for the assessment and decision of the procedure as well as the rights arising from the recognition of stateless status are yet to be regulated and approved by the Portuguese Parliament (Assembleia da República).</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p>
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 EMN NCP Serbia	Yes	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>NO</p>	

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			<p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovakia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Yes.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>Stateless persons can apply for the issuance of a travel document according to the Convention of 28 September 1954. The travel document is issued for two years. The validity of the travel document can be extended by the relevant police department.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two</p>


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			<p>years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>It is issued for a period of two years. See response to question 2.</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>As stated in question 4, granting stateless status does not automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in the Slovak Republic. However, the individual may according to the Asylum Act, apply for asylum or subsidiary protection in the Slovak Republic. He/she may also according to the Act on the Residence of Foreigners apply for tolerated stay, temporary residence for the purpose of family reunification or long-term residence.</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>NA</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Slovenia</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p>

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			<p>While Slovenia does not grant a statelessness status, stateless persons can be issued a passport for foreigners as per Article 98 (2) of the Foreigners Act, provided there are justified reasons for this. The passport is issued for the period of up to two years unless the stateless person requests a shorter period of validity or if a shorter validity is deemed sufficient for the purpose of its issuance.</p> <p>A passport for foreigners with the validity of up to 90 days, which does not contain two fingerprints and a signature, can also be issued to a stateless person who will be admitted to the Republic of Slovenia on the basis of a quota, as per the International Protection Act.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No.</p>
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			<p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit). N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit? N/A</p>
	<p>EMN NCP Spain</p>	<p align="center">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO. YES. In Spain, article 13 of Royal Decree 865/2001, of July 20, approving the Regulation for the recognition of stateless status establishes that, where appropriate, the competent authority shall issue recognized stateless persons with a card certifying their recognition as stateless persons, which will enable them to reside in Spain and to carry out work, professional and commercial activities, as well as the travel document provided for in Article 28 of the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons of 28 September 1954.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued? The travel document is issued in passport format. It shall be valid for two years.</p> <p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p>

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4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.

YES. Recognised stateless persons shall have the right to reside in Spain and to engage in employment, professional and commercial activities in accordance with the provisions of aliens' legislation.


5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).

Recognised stateless persons may apply for a long-term national residence permit at the immigration office of the province they reside (article 183.3.f Real Decreto 1155/2024). Once the permit has been granted, they must apply in person for a foreign national identity card within one month of notification of the decision. Foreign national identity cards are issued by the National Police.

6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?

The national long-term residence entitles the foreign person to reside and work in Spain indefinitely. According to Article 185 of Royal Decree 1155/2024, persons holding a national long-term permit must apply for the first renewal of the foreigner's identity card after five years. The second renewal and successive renewals of the foreign national identity card shall be requested every five years until the holder reaches the age of 30 and every ten years after reaching the age of 30.

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	EMN NCP Sweden	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Yes</p>	<p>1. Does your MS issue a travel document for the individuals granted Statelessness status? YES/NO.</p> <p>Sweden has no specific procedure for determining statelessness, and no specific decision is made on whether a person is stateless. The assessment of statelessness cannot therefore be appealed separately. When a person applies for asylum or a residence permit on other grounds, the Swedish Migration Agency must, as a general rule, in connection with the assessment of identity, take a position on whether the person has a citizenship. Such an assessment may result in the person being assessed as stateless. The assessment of whether a person is stateless may become relevant in connection with a person applying for asylum, a residence permit on other grounds, or Swedish citizenship. According to Chapter 4, Section 4 of the Swedish Aliens Act, a special travel document may be issued to a stateless alien for travel outside Sweden (travel document). However, a travel document shall not be issued if compelling considerations of national security or public order require that it not be issued.</p> <p>2. If you answer YES to Q.1, can you please indicate what is the type of document and the validity for which it is issued?</p> <p>A stateless person who is lawfully staying in Sweden may be granted a travel document in accordance with Article 28 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, unless there are compelling reasons of national security or public order. According to § 5 of the Annex to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons, the period of validity of a travel document shall be at least three months and at most two years, regardless of the length of the residence permit.</p>

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			<p>3. If you answer YES to Q.1 and the travel document is issued for a period exceeding two years, what is the legal basis for this (e.g., Article 5 of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons)?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>4. If you granted stateless status does this automatically grants a residence permit to the individual in your MS? YES/NO.</p> <p>No, according to Swedish law, statelessness as such, is not a legal basis for granting a residence permit.</p> <p>5. If you answer YES to Q.4, please explain (type of residence permit).</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>6. If you answer YES to Q.4 what is the validity of this residence permit?</p> <p>N/A</p>
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