

How do I apply?

If you wish to return to your country of origin under VARP, you need to fill in an IOM application form. This can be downloaded from www.iom.no or you can contact any of the following places:

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Visiting Address:

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Mailing Address:

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Fax: 2310 5321/2310 5323

Email: osloreturn@iom.int

Internet: www.iom.no

UDI and its Regional Offices

Tel: 2335 1500

Email: udi@udi.no

Internet: www.udi.no

UDI Regional Office West

(Tel: 5530 0999/fax: 5530 0988)

UDI Regional Office South

(Tel: 3810 6060/fax: 3802 0480)

UDI Regional Office Oslo

(Tel: 2335 1500/fax: 2335 1580)

UDI Regional Office Inner East

(Tel: 6114 6500/fax: 6117 0895)

UDI Regional Office Mid-Norway

(Tel: 7389 2400/fax: 7389 2401)

UDI Regional Office North Norway

(Tel: 7696 5810/fax: 7696 5839)

Asylum Reception Centres**Norwegian Organization for Asylum Seekers (NOAS)**

Visiting address:

Torggata 22, Oslo, Norway

Tel: 2236 5660

Email: noas@noas.org

Internet: www.noas.org

IOM is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. As an intergovernmental organization, IOM acts with its partners in the international community to:

- Assist in meeting the operational challenges of migration
- Advance the understanding of migration issues
- Encourage social and economic development through migration
- Uphold the human dignity and well-being of migrants

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**Apply online on
www.voluntaryreturn.com
From January 2011**

**Hotline:
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800 - 374845544 - 73887**



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A returnee reunites with family in her home coun-try © IOM Philippines

What is the Voluntary Assisted Return Programme (VARP) in IOM?

VARP is return assistance offered to asylum seekers and other migrants in an irregular situation in Norway. It aims at an orderly, humane and dignified assisted return of asylum seekers and irregular migrants who wish to return voluntarily to their home countries.

IOM's return assistance consists of the following services:

- ⇒ Return information and counselling
- ⇒ Acquisition of travel documents
- ⇒ Travel arrangements
- ⇒ Airport assistance (at departure, in transit and upon arrival)
- ⇒ Transport assistance to final destination
- ⇒ Limited follow-up, if requested

Who is eligible?

1. You are an asylum seeker who:

- ⇒ is waiting for a decision, but wish to return
 - ⇒ has had your asylum application rejected
 - ⇒ has had your asylum appeal rejected
 - ⇒ has withdrawn your application for asylum
2. You are in an irregular situation (not registered for asylum or no longer have a legal status).

What are the advantages of travelling with IOM?

- You do not pay for the services provided by IOM. They are free!
- You will be assisted to acquire a travel document from your Embassy or Consulate, if needed
- You will know in advance when you will be travelling. This will make it easier for you to plan your return, personally arrange for any items you will wish to take with you, inform friends or relatives in Norway or your home country about your return if you wish
- You travel as a regular passenger
- Your travel is organised to your final destination
- You get IOM's assistance at departure, in transit and on arrival points
- The IOM will not inform local authorities about your arrival in your home country
- You are not indebted to the Norwegian government
- Some nationalities may be eligible for extra financial support. For more information about the requirements for such support you must contact IOM.

What else do you need to know?

- IOM is **not** a part of the Government of Norway.
- IOM cannot assist you to legalise your status to remain in Norway. If you think your asylum claim was not given a fair consideration, you may contact a lawyer or NOAS, who have the legal competency to assist you.
- IOM is available to persons who wish to return voluntarily to their home countries.
- Note that before IOM can include you in its return programme, IOM needs approval from the Norwegian authorities (UDI). The authorities may deny certain individuals from travelling with IOM and the reasons for denial are not made known to IOM.
- The Norwegian Police is not involved in your return after you have been cleared by the authorities to travel with IOM.