



Ministry of Internal Affairs

GENERAL INSPECTORATE FOR MIGRATION



Information support

for foreigners

Guide for foreigners living in the Republic of Moldova

**Obeying the law contributes to your
safety and to peaceful coexistence
in society.**

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Chisinau



GENERAL INFORMATION



Location

The Republic of Moldova is situated in south-eastern Europe, between the Prut and Nistru rivers

Neighbouring countries

Romania and Ukraine

Administrative structure



- 32 districts
- 13 municipalities (Chisinau, Balti, Bender (Tighina), Cahul, Ceadir-Lunga, Comrat, Edinet, Hincesti, Orhei, Soroca, Strasenii, Tiraspol and Ungheni)
- Towns and villages
- The Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia (Gagauz-Yeri)



The capital

Chisinau Municipality (five districts: Centru, Buiucani, Botanica, Riscani, Ciocana)



Official language

Romanian



National flag

The tricolour of the Republic of Moldova – a major official symbol of the state's sovereignty and independence)



National currency

Moldovan leu (MDL)
Banknotes: 1, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 lei
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10 - lei / 5, 10, 25 and 50 - bani
Important: Currency exchange should only be carried out at banks or authorised exchange bureaus.



AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGNERS

The General Inspectorate for Migration within the Ministry of Internal Affairs is the institution responsible for managing migration and the integration of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova.



IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Foreigner

A person who does not hold Moldovan citizenship or is stateless.

Beneficiary of international protection

A foreign national or stateless person whose:

- refugee status has been recognized
- humanitarian protection has been granted



REFUGEE
STATUS



HUMANITARIAN
PROTECTION



WHAT DOES INTEGRATION MEAN?

Integration is the process through which foreigners who have obtained a form of protection or a right of residence in the Republic of Moldova actively participate in the economic, social and cultural life of Moldovan society, realise their potential, exercise their rights and fulfil their obligations without discrimination or social exclusion (Law No. 274/2011 on the integration of foreigners in the Republic of Moldova).



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES?

- Foreign nationals holding a temporary residence permit
- Foreign nationals holding a permanent residence permit
- Foreign nationals who have been recognised as stateless persons in the Republic of Moldova
- Beneficiaries of international protection or political asylum





WHAT INTEGRATION MEASURES ARE AVAILABLE?

- specialised information sessions
- socio-cultural adaptation
- access to the labour market
- access to education
- access to healthcare
- access to the social welfare system
- access to the social security system
- Romanian language courses



WHERE CAN YOU APPLY FOR INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES?

At the Integration Centres for Foreigners of the General Inspectorate for Migration. These are regional and are located in Chisinau, Balti and Cahul.

After submitting your application:

1. an assessment of your integration needs is carried out
2. an individual assessment form is drawn up
3. you will be guided and referred to the relevant institutions





INTEGRATION PROGRAMME (for beneficiaries of international protection)

Beneficiaries of international protection may participate in an integration programme lasting up to six months.

To participate, a person must:

- submit an application to the Integration Centre
- submission deadline: within 60 days of being granted international protection

Once the application has been registered, the following documents are prepared for the beneficiary of the integration programme at the Integration Centre:

- an assessment form for integration needs
- an integration plan
- integration commitment, signed by the beneficiary

Important: Beneficiaries of international protection or political asylum who do not participate in integration programmes are responsible for integrating on their own.



RIGHTS OF FOREIGNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Foreign nationals enjoy the same fundamental rights and freedoms as citizens of the Republic of Moldova, in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of Moldova and other laws, as well as international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party, subject to the exceptions set out in the legislation in force.



These include:

- The right to work and to protection in the workplace
- The right to rest and to health protection
- The right to social security
- The right to a home
- The right to property and intellectual property
- The right to an education
- The right of association
- The right to freedom of conscience and opinion
- The right to family
- The right to freedom of movement throughout the territory of the Republic of Moldova
- The right to the inviolability of the person and the home
- Procedural rights in court proceedings
- The right to request integration activities



RESTRICTIONS FOR FOREIGNERS

- cannot vote or stand for election
- cannot be members of political parties
- cannot perform military service in the Republic of Moldova



EMERGENCY NUMBERS



**Police, Ambulance,
Fire brigade/
Rescue services**

 **112**



**Telephone
Information Service**

 **1188 / 1189**



OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGNERS

During their stay in the Republic of Moldova, they must:

- comply with the laws of the Republic of Moldova
- comply with the purpose for which you obtained the right of residence
- notify the General Inspectorate for Migration within 15 days if:
 - you change your travel document
 - you change your residential address
 - you change your nationality
 - you change your marital status



If your documents are lost or stolen, you must report this to the police.



ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

(for beneficiaries of international protection)

- access to education on the same terms as citizens of the Republic of Moldova
- the possibility of temporary accommodation in reception centres
- access to integration activities and programmes

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