

How do I apply?

If you wish to return to your country of origin under VARP, you need to fill out an IOM application form. This can be done online at www.voluntaryreturn.com or you can contact any of the following places:

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Visiting address: Skippergata 33, 2nd floor, Oslo, Norway

Mailing address:

P. O. Box. 8927 Youngstorget, N-0028 Oslo, Norway

Tel: 2310 5320

Fax: 2310 5321

Email: IOMOsloVARP@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: 7310 4000/fax: 7310 4064)

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 inter-governmental organization, IOM acts with its global partners to:

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

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**IOM can assist with
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Airport assistance
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A returnee reunites with family in her home country
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What is the Voluntary Assisted Return Programme (VARP) in IOM?

VARP is a return assistance programme offered to asylum seekers and other irregular migrants in Norway. It aims to provide assistance for those planning to return voluntarily to their home countries. IOM's VARP offers the following services:

- Return information and counselling
- Help with applying for travel documents
- Travel arrangements
- Airport assistance: at departure, in transit and upon arrival
- Transport assistance to final destination
- Limited follow-up, if requested and possible

Who is eligible?

1) Asylum seekers with:

- pending asylum claims
- rejected asylum applications
- rejected asylum appeals
- asylum applications withdrawn

2) Any migrant not registered for asylum or without legal status in Norway.

What are the advantages of travelling with IOM?

- The services IOM provide are free.
- You are not indebted to the Norwegian government for your travel.
- IOM can help with obtaining travel documents, if needed.
- Confirmed travel dates make it easier to plan and prepare your return. Allowing you to inform friends or relatives in advance.
- You travel as a regular passenger.
- Your travel is arranged up to the final destination.
- IOM will not inform local authorities about your arrival.
- You get IOM's assistance at departure, in transit and upon arrival.
- Some nationals may be eligible for extra financial support. For more information contact IOM.

What else do you need to know?

- IOM is available to people who wish to return voluntarily to their home countries.
- IOM is not a part of the Norwegian government.
- IOM does not assist with visa/asylum issues in Norway. If you think your asylum claim was not given fair consideration, you can contact a lawyer or NOAS, who have the legal expertise to assist you.
- 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, only to you personally.
- The Norwegian police service is not involved in your voluntary return with IOM.