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## RETURN

### Repatriation and reintegration of Unaccompanied Minor Foreign Nationals (UMFNs)

The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) was established to support people all over the world in returning home and building a new life. If you are an Unaccompanied Minor Foreign National (UMFN) or have been an Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seeker (ex-UMA), then please read below how the IOM can assist you if you want to return to your country of origin.

This IOM project has been developed for all young people who arrived in the Netherlands as Unaccompanied Foreign Nationals, that is, young people who arrived in the Netherlands before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, and have not yet reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you are considering returning to your country of origin, the IOM can assist you – not only with the air tickets, but also in making a positive new start and building a new future.

For further information, you can call the IOM at any time to make an appointment, with no obligation. We would be happy to look at your possibilities with you.

**What assistance will you receive?**

If you want to return to your home country, you will be eligible for the IOM's general programme which will provide you with the following:

- Advice and information regarding your return.
- Assistance in obtaining travel documents.
- Assistance in tracing your family.
- Assistance at Schiphol.
- A single air ticket.
- A contribution towards the costs of transport from the airport to your final destination in your country of origin.
- Financial support up to € 500.
- Assistance on arrival at the airport and transfer to your family or reception organisation if you are a minor.

**New: additional assistance**

If you are an Unaccompanied Minor Foreign National (UMFN) or a former Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seeker (ex-UMA), the IOM can offer you further assistance. Since July 2008, the IOM has been working with SAMAH on the Unaccompanied Minors (UAM) project. If you have been taking part in this project, you are eligible for:

- Assistance from the IOM in your country of origin. A maximum of € 2,500 reintegration support for your reintegration after your return. This will be in the form of help, rather than actual cash. The type of help you receive will depend on the opportunities in your country of origin, and your own wishes. For example, you could use the money to set-up your own business or take a training course.
- Some countries do not have an IOM mission that can mediate your reintegration. In this case, you will be eligible for an additional contribution of € 1,750. This is in addition to the standard financial contribution you receive as part of the general programme.
- Translation of relevant documents, such as diplomas, prior to your departure.
- A language course, either prior to your departure or on your return to your country of origin. This will be an appropriate language, spoken in the country you are departing for.
- If you are a minor the IOM can request suitable reception be found for you until you are 18.

**How do you receive this assistance?**

If you want to return to your home country, you should first make an appointment with an IOM employee nearest to you. During the appointment the employee will give you advice and information about returning home and about the additional assistance. Once you submit an application for voluntary return an IOM employee will arrange a detailed interview with you, to discuss the assistance available in your home country.

**Choice for ex-AMA's**

Apart from the UAM project, IOM also offers the Return and Reintegration Regulation (HRT-regeling). If you are a former Unaccompanied Minor Asylum Seeker (ex-UMA), you can apply for the HRT-regeling if you fulfil the conditions. You can choose yourself whether you want to apply for the UAM project or for the Return and Reintegration Regulation.

If you are an Unaccompanied Minor Foreign National (UMFN) then you can only apply for the UAM project.

**Special reception for UMFNs in Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo**

If you are an Unaccompanied Minor Foreign National (UMFN) and want to return to either Angola or the Democratic Republic of Congo, but you no longer have contact with your family, the IOM can place you in the temporary care of a reception house in one of the two countries. IOM has made arrangements with reception organisations in Luanda and Kinshasa that will ensure your reception, education and reintegration.

**Where can you obtain further**

**information?** Contact the IOM by telephone if you would like further information or if you have already decided to return to your home country. You can then arrange an immediate appointment with an IOM employee. You can find the location of your nearest IOM and its office hours on the website: [www.iom-nederland.nl](http://www.iom-nederland.nl).

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