

# Latvian Asylum Law, Section 20

Permitting refugee or alternative status

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## Asylum Provisions

### Definition of 'refugee' in asylum law

Section 20. Conditions for Granting of Refugee Status (1) A third country national who on the basis of justified fear from persecution due to his or her race, religion, nationality, membership of a specific social group or his or her political views is located outside the country where he or she is a national, and is unable or due to such fear does not wish to accept the protection of the country where he or she is a national, or a stateless person who being outside his former country of habitual residence is unable or unwilling to return there due to the same reasons and to whom the conditions in Section 27 of this Law do not apply may apply for refugee status.

### Definition of 'particular social group' and type(s) of persecution addressed

Women

### Number of asylum cases requested on the ground of FGM

1 (FGM was one of the grounds for granting asylum - threat of FGM for asylum seekers newborn child)

### Number of asylum cases granted on the ground of FGM

1 (FGM was one of the grounds for granting asylum - threat of FGM for asylum seekers newborn child)

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## Source

Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs,Asylum Affairs Division

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## Additional information

### Information collecting point

No specified to FGM cases. Any information about asylum seekers is collected by Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs Asylum Affairs Division

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## Metadata

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