

Country profile The Netherlands

General Information:	
Country:	The Netherlands
Organisation, address, website:	Dutch agency for the reception of asylum seekers, Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers (COA). Addres: PO box 3002, 2280 ME Rijswijk Tel. Number (+31) 70 3727000 www.coa.nl
Governing institution:	Ministry of Justice
Total number of employees:	Approx. 1800
Annual budget (EUR):	420 million (2007)
Daily accommodation costs per one asylum seeker (EUR):	Approx. € 45 p.p.p.d
Asylum grant proceedings:	
Legal duration of asylum grant proceedings:	First decision in 6 months
Organisation liable for asylum grant proceedings (if other than above)	Immigration and Naturalisation Department (IND)
Legal regulations governing asylum grant proceedings, their last amendment	Aliens Act 2000
Total number of asylum applications during: (indicate numbers and year)	3,489 (Jan-July 2007) IND website
Total number of granted asylum in accordance with the Geneva Convention during: (indicate numbers and year)	569 (Jan-July) IND website
Total number of provided subsidiary forms of protection: (indicate numbers and year)	
5 top countries of origin of asylum seekers: (indicate year)	<u>(Influx 2006 in reception, annual report COA)</u> 1. Iraq (2,088) 2. Somalia (1,094) 3. Iran (483) 4. Afghanistan (444) 5. Burundi (353) 6. Other (3,310) Total 7,772 <u>(Influx asylum Jan-July 2007, website (IND))</u> Somalië (1.025 29%) Irak (643 18%) Burundi (81 2%) Nigeria (127 4%) China (143 4%) Iran (89 3%) Afghanistan (89 3%) Sierra Leone (86 2%) Sri Lanka (65 2%) Overig 1.141 33% Till July 2007 3.489 100%
Accommodation of asylum seekers	
Total of accommodation capacity (number of beds):	25.891 (2007)
Types of accommodation:	X houses <input type="checkbox"/> hotels

(more than one answer possible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bungalows <input type="checkbox"/> boats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> caravans <input type="checkbox"/> tents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military barracks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (shared) rooms <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
Number of facilities:	(end 2006) 54 centres
Average length of stay of asylum seeker in asylum reception facility:	
Asylum seekers has possibility to live in private housing:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Asylum seeker's freedom of movement:	<input type="checkbox"/> without restriction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> restricted: weekly registration <input type="checkbox"/> obligatory permanent presence in asylum facility <input type="checkbox"/> detention
Services provided:	
Types of catering:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> individual cooking <input type="checkbox"/> catering provided <input type="checkbox"/> combined
System of provision of financial and material aid:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/> payment in kind <input type="checkbox"/>
Asylum seeker's access to the labour market:	<input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes, specify conditions: Restricted to 12 weeks per year
Lessons of local language available:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> voluntary <input type="checkbox"/> none only for integration
Vocational training available:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Extent of health care provided:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> standard – same as health care provided for citizens <input type="checkbox"/> different, specify:
Obligatory initial medical examinations:	<input type="checkbox"/> none <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lung X-ray (TB) <input type="checkbox"/> venereal diseases <input type="checkbox"/> taking of biological material samples <input type="checkbox"/> other, specify:
Vulnerable groups:	
Definition of vulnerable groups – please indicate the categories which are considered vulnerable in the reception system:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minors <input type="checkbox"/> Single women <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pregnant women <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families with children <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elderly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incomplete families (single women with minor children) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mentally handicapped <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physically handicapped/disabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems <input type="checkbox"/> Others, specify

Please indicate number of asylumseekers for each category a) the whole country b) the reception facility – when available	
Unaccompanied minors	a.) 456 (1 st May 2007)
Single women	n.a
Families with children	n.a
Elderly	a.) 400 (65+) (Sep. 2007)
Incomplete families (single women with minor children)	n.a
Mentally handicapped	n.a
Physically handicapped/disabled	n.a
Victims of trauma and other people with mental health problems	n.a.
Others, specify	