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Know Your Rights – Asylum Procedure in Switzerland

1. Fair and Individual Procedure

Every asylum application must be examined individually and carefully.

You have the right to a written and reasoned decision and the right to appeal before an independent authority.

2. Right to Be Heard

You may explain why you need protection, submit evidence, and comment on important elements of your case.

Your statements must be examined before a decision is taken.

3. Legal Advice and Representation

You are entitled to legal advice and, in many procedures, to free legal representation.

Legal assistance supports preparation for interviews and filing appeals.

4. Protection Against Discrimination

All persons are equal before the law.

Decisions must not be based on nationality, religion, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or political opinion.

5. Basic Healthcare

You are entitled to essential medical care during the asylum procedure.

6. Advisory Centre (Beratungsstelle)

If you are unsure about your rights or your decision, contact an independent advisory centre.

Strict deadlines apply. Seeking advice early is important.