

Government extends restrictions to apply for asylum at the Polish-Belarusian border

The government extended the restriction on the right to submit applications for international protection for persons crossing the Polish-Belarusian border, which has been in place since 27 March 2025. The extension was approved by a regulation of the Council of Ministers of 19 March 2026 ([Journal of Laws, item 376](#)), as authorised by the Sejm on 17 March 2026 ([Journal of Laws, item 296](#)), and remains in force for an additional 60 days.

The Asylum Act provides exceptions to the restriction. Unaccompanied minors; pregnant women; persons requiring special treatment due to age, health or other needs; individuals at real risk of serious harm in Belarus; and Belarusian nationals may still apply for international protection at the border.

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