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# Application for international protection

In line with the RCD, the guidance focuses on unaccompanied children during all stages and types of procedures concerning applications for international protection. This includes unaccompanied children as third-country nationals or stateless persons who have made an application for international protection in respect of which a final decision has not yet been taken. It also applies to those unaccompanied children whose application for international protection has received a negative decision as long as they are staying in reception.



*Figure 6. Applicants for international protection*

Non-applicants for international protection: as mentioned above, this guidance should also be taken into account for the reception of unaccompanied children who have not made an application for international protection, but who are staying in reception.

