

Regulations Migration Case Note Contest 2026

Each Year, the Dutch Association for Migration Law (Stichting Migratierecht Nederland), in cooperation with Jurisprudentie Vreemdelingenrecht (JV), can award a prize to a student who wrote a clear and interesting case note on a court ruling related to migration law. The aim of the prize is to encourage critical reading of court rulings in the field of migration law.

Students who are studying at a Dutch or foreign university and who are in their masters of their education are allowed to join the contest.

The case note must concern a ruling of a Dutch court, the European Court of Human Rights, the European Court of Justice, or supervisory committees on human rights situations (like the Committee Against Torture, or the Committee on the Rights of the Child). The date of the ruling must be after the 1st of June 2025.

The case note should be well-structured and clarify the importance of the ruling for the current field of migration law. The case note should place the judgment in the context of the developments in the field of migration law.

The case note must be written in Dutch or English. The annotation cannot exceed 2000 words (10% margin), including footnotes, and starts with a short introduction, which explains what the note is about.

The case note can be handed in the latest on the 29th of May 2026, by sending it by e-mail to the secretariat at annotatiewedstrijd@stichtingmigratierecht.nl. If the case note has been written for a university course, you can mention this in the accompanying e-mail.

The case notes will be judged by a jury of three persons, who as a scientist, lawyer, or judge have a broad knowledge of migration law. At least one of the jury members is also member of the editorial board of JV.

The award ceremony will be held on the 26th of June 2026. The winning annotation will be rewarded with €750,- and will be published in the next edition of JV of 2026. The participants agree with editorial changes if their annotation is published in JV. It is also possible that a second and a third prize are awarded.

You can send the annotation to: annotatiewedstrijd@stichtingmigratierecht.nl.