

The text below is an English translation of the announcement published by SIRI on 1 July 2026 at www.siri.dk regarding the resumption of case processing concerning agricultural interns, herdsmen and farm managers. The translation has been prepared for the use of Danish missions. It has not been published on SIRI's website.

SIRI resumes the processing of cases from agricultural interns, herdsmen and farm managers

Based on information from the Danish National ID Centre (NIDC), SIRI has gotten a stronger basis for assessing whether applications from agricultural interns from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania contain false educational documents.

In April, the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI) suspended the processing of applications from agricultural interns, herdsmen and farm managers. This was due to suspected fraud involving educational documents that were submitted by applicants from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

Among other things, the suspicion of fraud began when several interns had submitted academic transcripts showing identical grades in a number of subjects. SIRI also suspected that some educational documents had been fabricated with the purpose of allowing interns to get a residence permit in Denmark.

Because of this, SIRI requested that the Danish National ID Centre (NIDC) examined the educational documents. In addition to carrying out technical examinations of the documents, NIDC has also investigated general conditions at selected educational institutions in the three countries, and has visited several educational institutions in Uganda.

Although NIDC is still carrying out some of its investigations, SIRI has now received sufficient information from NIDC to resume the processing and assessment of several of the cases from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

This means that SIRI will begin assessing the cases based on what NIDC has found in its investigations. If NIDC's assessment indicates that an educational document has been falsified, SIRI will give the applicant an opportunity to comment before making a decision, and will then assess whether the application for a residence permit should be refused. If there is no doubt that the documents are authentic, SIRI will assess whether the applicant meets the remaining requirements for a residence permit as an agricultural intern, herdsman or farm manager. This may result in SIRI making a request for additional information for the case.

SIRI also expects that a significantly higher number of cases will have to be sent to NIDC for an assessment of the submitted documents, before SIRI can make a decision.

Since SIRI must now review a large number of cases, applicants should expect a longer case processing time.

In addition to this, it is also expected that more applications will be refused, since both SIRI's preliminary investigations and NIDC's findings raise doubts about the authenticity and accuracy of the documents that have been submitted to SIRI.

SIRI is also evaluating whether NIDC's findings provide grounds for revoking residence permits that have already been granted. Because of this, SIRI has now begun to do spot-checks of educational documents that have been submitted in connection with residence permits, which have already been given to interns from Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

SIRI will continue to monitor developments closely and apply a risk-based approach to the processing of the cases. This means that, regardless of the applicant's nationality, SIRI will take additional procedural steps, whenever investigations are considered to be necessary.