

## **Draft evaders**

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Individuals under this sub-profile had been subjected to persecution by the Assad regime (see 'EUAA, ' 4.2.2. <u>Draft evaders</u>' in *Country Guidance: Syria*, April 2024'). As mentioned above, the risk related to the Assad regime has vanished.

The Transitional Administration ended mandatory military conscription, except in situations of national emergencies. The Syrian army is said to become an army of volunteers in which the population will be encouraged to participate, with the aim to secure the country's borders. However, potential conscription campaign in case of national emergencies might happen.

While no sources reported on conscription by the Transitional Administration, it has to be noted that conscription itself, which is a legitimate right of a state, would in general not meet the requirements of Article 9 QD/QR.

Draft evaders would in general not have a well-founded fear of persecution.

See other topics concerning 'Persons who evaded or deserted military service':

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