

Please cite as: EUAA, 'Summary table: Food, clothing and other non-food items and allowances' in *Guidance reception unaccompanied children*, Januar 2022.

Summary table: Food, clothing and other non-food items and allowances

Operational standards and indicators on the reception conditions of unaccompanied minors			
Chapter	**Subchapter**	**Standard**	**Indicators**
8. Food, clothing and other nonfood items, and allowances	**8.1** Food	**35.** Ensure that unaccompanied children have access to sufficient and adequate food.	**35.1** Food safety standards are c **35.2** Minimum five meals are ser which at least one is cooked and **35.3** The daily schedule of unacc children should be taken into con serving the meals. **35.4** The meals ensure a balance diet. **35.5** Unaccompanied children ar about the composition of the mea **35.6** Specific arrangements are i unaccompanied children with spe needs. **35.7** The eating preferences and restrictions of specific groups are account.

	36. Ensure that unaccompanied children have access to potable water 24/7.	**36.1** Each child is provided with a minimum of 2.5 litres of water per day while personal physiology and climate are taken into account. **36.2 a)** the infrastructure of the housing is adequate for potable water. **OR** **36.2 b)** Potable water is distributed in absence of adequate infrastructure.
8.2 Clothing and other non-food items	**37.** Ensure that unaccompanied children possess sufficient clothing.	**37.1** Unaccompanied children are provided with clothing as soon as possible. **37.2** Unaccompanied children possess sufficient underwear for a week without having to do laundry. **37.3** Unaccompanied children possess at least a minimum number of clothing items. **37.4** Unaccompanied children have at least two different pairs of shoes. **37.5** If any of the clothes are no longer usable because of wear and tear, there is a standardised way to obtain another one in exchange. **37.6** Unaccompanied children with babies or small children possess sufficient clothes for their children for one week without having to do laundry.

38. Ensure that unaccompanied children possess adequate clothing	**38.1** The clothing is reasonably fitting the unaccompanied children in terms of size. **38.2** The clothing is in reasonably good condition and appropriate to the prevailing standard of the host society and the children's background. **38.3** Adequate seasonal clothing is available. **38.4** Sufficient clothing required for participation in school trips and extracurricular school activities are provided.
39. Ensure that unaccompanied children have access to sufficient and adequate personal hygiene products.	**39.1** A list exists specifying which type and quantity of personal hygiene products children of certain age and gender are entitled to receive. **39.2** Necessary personal hygiene products are at the child's disposal, either through regular distribution in-kind on a per capita basis or through the daily expensesallowance.

40. Ensure that unaccompanied children have access to other essential non-food items.	**40.1** Sufficient bed linen and towels are provided **40.2** Washing powder is available if unaccompanied children are responsible for washing their own clothes. **40.3** Specific arrangements are in place for unaccompanied children with special reception needs.

41. Ensure that unaccompanied children enrolled in school or other educational activities are provided with adequate clothing and school utensils enabling them to fully participate in all educational activities.	**41.1** Unaccompanied children who attend school or other education arrangements are provided with adequate clothing for school activities. **41.2** Unaccompanied children who attend school or other education arrangements receive a school bag (backpack or other) and all school utensils required by the school free of charge. **41.3** Sufficient clothing required for participation in school trips and extracurricular school activities are provided. .

Daily expenses allowance	**42**. Ensure that an adequate daily expenses allowance is provided.	**42.1** A clear definition of the scope of daily expenses allowance exists. **42.2** The method for the calculation of the daily expenses allowance is clearly determined. **42.3** The daily expenses allowance is provided at free disposal (“pocket money”). **42.4** The amount of daily expenses allowance also reflects as a minimum the following expenses, unless ensured in kind: communication and information, school items, personal hygiene and body care, leisure activities and travelling costs as a result of healthcare visits and obtaining medication, the asylum procedure and legal assistance, and education for children enrolled in school or other education arrangements. **42.5** The daily expenses allowance is provided regularly and no less than once a month.

© European Union Agency for Asylum 2026 | Email: info@euaa.europa.eu