

## 7.4.3. Conclusions on reasonableness

Following the fall of the Assad regime in December 2024, this document has been reviewed and updated. Please consult '[Interim Country Guidance: Syria \(2025\)](#)'

### COMMON ANALYSIS

Last update: April 2024

The general conclusions on the reasonableness of IPA for particular profiles of applicants are based on an assessment of the general situation in Damascus City and the individual circumstances of such applicants, as outlined in the sections above.

For those applicants who meet the 'safety' and 'travel and admittance' requirements under Article 8(1) QD, the availability of IPA in Damascus City will depend on the assessment of the reasonableness to settle there.

Based on the general situation in the capital city, and taking into account the applicable individual circumstances, internal protection in Damascus City may be a reasonable alternative only in exceptional cases. Such exceptional cases would in particular include some adult applicants with significant financial means or who have a support network that is willing and capable of assisting them in accessing basic subsistence if they settle in the city.

In this regard, the rapidly deteriorating economic situation, the healthcare situation and food insecurity, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on those and on the healthcare system in Damascus, should also be considered.

See other topics concerning internal protection alternative:

- [Preliminary remarks](#)
- [7.1. Part of the country](#)
- [7.2. Safety](#)
- [7.3. Travel and admittance](#)
- [7.4. Reasonableness to settle](#)
  - [7.4.1. General situation](#)
  - [7.4.2. Individual circumstances](#)
  - [7.4.3. Conclusions on reasonableness](#)