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For general guidance on the country guidance approach to Exclusion, see 'EUAA, '[Exclusion](#)' in *Country Guidance: Explained*, February 2025'.

In the context of Syria, various circumstances may require consideration of the potential applicability of exclusion grounds. The QD/QR does not set a time limit for the application of the grounds for exclusion. Applicants may be excluded in relation to events occurring in the recent and more distant past.

In addition to the considerations on the potential applicability of the exclusion grounds in 'EUAA, '[8. Exclusion](#)' in *Country Guidance: Syria*, April 2024', particular attention should be devoted to acts committed by various actors in the framework of the offensive launched by HTS against the Assad regime, and the subsequent establishment of an interim government under HTS rule [[Country Focus 2025, 1.1](#)]. Fighters associated with the Transitional Administration reportedly executed individuals associated with the ousted government and former affiliates of militias supportive of the Assad regime [[Country Focus 2025, 1.3.1](#)]. Also, criminality, lawlessness and sectarian violence have been reported in the areas under the control of the Transitional Administration [[Country Focus 2025, 1.3.2, 2.5, 4.1.1](#)].

In addition, during the reference period, various actors have been involved in serious acts of violence against women and children [[Country Focus 2025, 1.3.5, 1.3.6](#)].

See also [Actors of persecution or serious harm](#).

Given the serious consequences that exclusion may have for the individual, the exclusion grounds should be interpreted restrictively and applied with caution.

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