

UK visa support for Ukrainian nationals: a guide

Ukrainian nationals with family in the UK

Ukraine Family Scheme visa

Enables you to enter the UK if your family members are a British national, UK settled or certain others. You will be able to live, study and work in the UK, with access to public funds.

This free scheme will grant you leave for three years.

Eligibility

- must be applying to join or accompany a UK family member
- must be Ukrainian or the immediate family member of a Ukrainian national who is applying to the scheme
- must have been a resident in Ukraine before 1 January 2022.

To access the 24/7 helpline, call +44 (0)808 164 8810 (select option 1). Find out more at <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa>.

Ukrainian nationals with no family in the UK

Homes for Ukraine

If you have a named sponsor under the [Homes for Ukraine](#) scheme, Ukrainian nationals and family members can come to the UK. This allows you to stay in the UK for up to three years.

Eligibility:

- must be Ukrainian or be an immediate family member of a Ukrainian national
- must have been residing in Ukraine before 1 January 2022
- must be currently outside the UK
- must have a UK-based sponsor eligible for the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

'Immediate family member' includes:

- spouse/civil partner
- unmarried partner (living together for at least two years)
- children under 18
- parent if you are under 18
- fiancé(e) or proposed civil partner

Find out more at <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme>.

Visa application centres

You need to apply for a visa at the nearest visa application centre (VAC) and upload relevant documents online before attending the appointment. Includes fees.

VACs in Ukraine are closed but you may apply in any country if you can travel safely. For those applying to the Ukraine Family Scheme, there is a temporary VAC in Rzeszow, Poland: find our more [at https://pos.tlscontact.com/rze_en/address](https://pos.tlscontact.com/rze_en/address).

Other VAC locations include:

- Budapest, Hungary
- Chisinau, Moldova
- Warsaw, Poland
- Bucharest, Romania
- Paris, France

You need to make an appointment, complete the online application form and have a global web form (GWF) reference number.

Working in the UK

The Homes for Ukraine scheme allows you to live and work in the UK for up to three years. You will have access to benefits, healthcare, employment support, education and other support.

Ukrainian nationals may also get visas to work in the UK through the points-based immigration system. These are:

Long-term work visas

- Skilled Worker
- Health and Care Worker
- Intra-company
- Minister of Religion
- International Sportsperson

Short-term work visas

- Temporary Work – Charity Worker
- Temporary Work – Creative Worker
- Temporary Work – Government Authorised Exchange
- Temporary Work – International Agreement
- Temporary Work – Religious Worker
- Temporary Work – Seasonal Worker
- Youth Mobility Scheme
- Graduate

Investor, business development and talent visas

- Innovator
- Startup
- Apply for the Global Talent
- Entrepreneur (Tier 1)
- Investor (Tier 1)

Other work visas and exemptions

- UK Ancestry visa
- Exempt vignette
- Frontier Worker permit
- British National (overseas) visa

- Overseas Domestic Worker visa
- Representative of an Overseas Business visa
- Turkish Businessperson visa
- Turkish Worker visa
- Apply for Service providers from Switzerland visa

Sponsors and sponsorship

- Employees: if your visa sponsor loses their licence
- UK visa sponsorship for employers
- UK visa sponsorship management system
- View a job applicant's right to work details

Travelling with pets

Call +44 3000 200 301 (option 2) or email pettravel@apha.gov.uk for assistance.

Rules for Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland)

You can enter or return to the UK with dogs, cats and ferrets only if they:

- are microchipped
- have a pet passport/health certificate
- are vaccinated against rabies
- have taken any required blood tests.

Dogs are expected to have a tapeworm treatment.

Failure to follow the rules may result in pets being put into quarantine for up to four months or refused if you travelled by sea.

If you bring a banned breed of dog into Great Britain, it can be taken away by the police or local authorities and may be destroyed.

Rules for Northern Ireland

There are different rules for Northern Ireland: please visit www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/travelling-pets.

British nationals in Ukraine

You need to register your presence in Ukraine at

<https://www.register.service.csd.fcdo.gov.uk/ukraine-20220121/register-your-presence-in-ukraine-with-fcdo>.

Obtaining a British passport

HM Passport Office is currently unable to accept new applications for British passports from Ukraine.

Travelling to Ireland from Ukraine

You do not need a visa or proof that you have a Covid-19 vaccine to travel to Ireland. No Covid-19 tests are required.

Any form of identification is accepted for travel if you do not have a current passport. These include a national ID card, expired passport or birth certificate.

If travelling with non-Ukrainian family members, you will need a visa to come to Ireland. Check the [visa requirements](#) at www.citizensinformation.ie/en/moving_country.

Ukraine support centres

Help and information can be found at centres in Cork, Limerick and Dublin. More centres will be added.

- **Dublin** ([map](#)): Intreo Centre, Guild Building, Cork Street, Dublin D08 XH90
- **Cork** ([map](#)): Cork City PSC and PPSN Centre, Department of Social Protection, Hanover Street, Cork T12 PX62
- **Limerick** ([map](#)): 2nd floor, Riverstone House, 23-27 Henry Street, Limerick City V94 R7YE

The centres provide information about social welfare, immigration and housing. Temporary permission letters are available from the Dublin centre.

Ukrainian refugees are entitled to use [public healthcare services](#). They can also receive housing support at reception centres at Dublin Airport and Rosslare Europort.

Right to work in Ireland

Ukrainians have the right to work in Ireland if they have proof that they have been granted a temporary residence permit under the EU's Temporary Protection Directive. This includes self-employment and vocational training.

Keep up to date

The rules and regulations change according to the circumstances; to receive updates, it is advisable to either create a GOV.UK account (which requires a UK mobile phone number) or subscribe to [receive alerts](#).

Detailed guidance is available at www.gov.uk/topic/immigration-operational-guidance.

For more information, visit <https://www.gov.uk/browse/visas-immigration/work-visas>.

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