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Temporary protection for
Ukrainians fleeing the war



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Persons eligible for protection

Persons who lived in Ukraine before 24.02.2022:

■ Ukrainian nationals and their family members (spouses, unmarried minor children or dependent relatives living in the family), and do not hold a Pole's Card

■ nationals of third countries, stateless persons and their family members who benefited from any form of international protection in Ukraine before 24.02.2022

■ foreigners who stayed based on the permanent residence permit, but cannot return to their country of origin due to the life threat

Decision-making authority

■ Office for Foreigners of the Republic of Poland.

■ A certificate of temporary protection is issued upon request.

Documents to be furnished

■ application

■ biometric foreign travel passport or other official identification document

Duration of the status

■ one year, automatic extension for the following six months (no more than for a year)

Actions ensuring return to the country of origin

■ With the assistance of the Head of the Office for Foreigners of the Republic of Poland

Getting relevant information

■ Governmental website of the Republic of Poland for Ukrainian nationals: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua>
<https://spilnoinpl.org/pl;>
<https://ukraina.interwencjaprawna.pl/uk/>

■ Starting online platform
<https://4refugees.info/country/polshha/>.

■ 24/7 hotline in Ukrainian:
+48 222 309 900.

■ Humanitarian aid:
+ 48 477 217 575

■ Contact details of the Embassy of Ukraine to the Republic of Poland:
Aleja J. Ch. Szucha 7, 00-580 Warszawa, Poland Phone: +48 22 621 39 79.
E-mail: consul_pl@mfa.gov.ua.

■ Website for refugees and asylum seekers in Poland: <https://help.unhcr.org/poland/uk/>

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Assistance in administrative services

The websites (see the clause above) contain information on the services provided by public institutions.

Free legal assistance and support of the displaced persons

■ Free legal assistance UA.SUPPORT:
<https://www.ua.support/>

■ Legal assistance: + 48 223 506 616



Accommodation

Access to housing

- Temporary shelters: Shelter4Ukraine; HospitalityHelp;
- Map of free accommodation for the Ukrainians in Poland and Europe;
- Airbnb – free accommodation for the Ukrainians in Europe for a short term;
- Temporary shelter in a Polish family: I Can Help; EU4UA; Icanhelp.host.

Compensation for utility expenses

- Assistance for accommodation and meals: to persons with disabilities, pregnant women and families with many children. An application is submitted to gmina in person/in soft copy (via e-PUAP).
- PESEL UKR number has to be specified.

Time frames for exercising the residence right

- During the term of the temporary protection status.

Employment

Work permit

- Right of free access to the labour market. No permit is necessary.
- Employment consultation hotline: 19524
- Central vacancy data base <http://oferty.praca.gov.pl>; <https://eures.praca.gov.pl>



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- Information on assistance from the employment agencies: <https://psz.praca.gov.pl/pomocdlaukrainy>; <https://zielonalinia.gov.pl/pomoc-dla-obywateli-ukrainy>
- Right to get registered with the job seeker register: www.praca.gov.pl
- Information on social insurance in Poland: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/Informatsiya-dlya-bizhentsiv-z-Ukrayiny-yaki-khochut-rozpochaty-robotu-v-Polshchi-Vydy-sotsialnoho-strakhuvannya-v-Polshchi>

Income tax assessment

- The persons enjoying temporary protection who work under an employment contract with the Ukrainian employer are tax residents of Poland if they stay in Poland for more than 183 days.
- Information on the website: <https://www.podatki.gov.pl/uk/zhitel-v/spef-al-n-polozhenny-a/opodatkuvannya-dokhod-v-u-pol-sh-osoby-dojezdzajace-do-pracy-za-granica/>

Term of the employment permit

- During the term of the temporary protection status.





Medical aid

Persons who can be provided medical services

- Persons enjoying temporary protection
- Information on the website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/derzhavna-medychna-dopomoha>

Conditions for medical aid

- Free medical aid under the same conditions as the Polish nationals
- Fact of the person crossing the border after 24.02.2022 as certified by the Polish services

Types of medical services provided

- Free state medicals services: basic medical aid; specialised outpatient aid; diagnostic tests prescribed by the doctor; inpatient treatment; psychiatric treatment; rehabilitation (except for resorts); dental services.
- Mandatory preventive vaccination of the children who stay in Poland for more than three months after the

border is crossed, or confirmation of the child's vaccination under the Preventive Vaccination Programme 2022.

- Information on the website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/derzhavna-medychna-dopomoha>
- Ukrainian-speaking doctors: <https://spilnoinpl.org/molodi-medychna-dopomoha-v-polshchi/ukrainomovni-likari-v-polshchi>
- Free 24/7 hotline: 800 190 590

Provision of medicines

- Free medicines provided under the same conditions as the Polish nationals.
- Medicines will be sold at a pharmacy with a discount by the doctor's prescription.
- List of the medicines to be compensated for: <https://www.gov.pl/web/zdrowie/obwieszczenia-ministra-zdrowia-lista-lekow-refundowanych>.
- Information on the website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/Yak-vy-mozhete-skorystatysya-vidshkodovuvanyh-likamy-v-Polshchi>

Social support

Social assistance

- Assistance from the Social Assistance Centre at the place of stay (in each gmina);
- Assistance to a person with disability from the Solidarity Fund (FS) and the State Fund for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled (PFRON).
- Information on social benefits <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/Sotsialni-vyplaty> (in Ukrainian)

Social benefits

- Exempted from the humanitarian aid tax for the period from 24.02.2022 until 31.12.2022

Psychological support of persons affected by the war

- Right to free psychological assistance: +48 222 552 202 (in Ukrainian)
- Free assistance by the psychologist designated by the wójt, burmistrz or president of gmina where the person resides.
- The Ukrainian psychologist may work with the other Ukrainians without diploma nostrification.

Education

Access to the school education system

- Mandatory and free school education for children aged 7 to 18. Knowledge of the Polish language is not a mandatory condition. The students older than 18 can enter senior school on their own.
- Step-by-step guide and information for parents/guardians at the website: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ua/Navchannya-v-Polshchi-zapyshit-svoyu-dytnu-do-shkoly>
- Register of schools and educational establishments: <https://r-spo.gov.pl>
- Preschool education for children 3-6 years old on the terms of Polish citizens. Studies provide for monthly charges for pre-school services (set by each individual establishment).



Conditions for continued studies in higher educational establishments that were started in the country the person has left

- Information on recognition of diplomas: <https://ukraina.interwencjaprawna.pl/нострофікація-дипломів-для-громадян/>; <https://spilnoinpl.org/molodi/dokumenty/ya-k-pidtverdyty-ukrainskyi-dyplom-v-polshchi-i-shcho-take-nostryfikatsiia>
- Practical guide for foreign students in Europe: <https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/a-practical-guide-to-student-accommodation-in-europe>

Children's rights

Representation of the unaccompanied minors enjoying protection

- The Head of the Office for Foreigners applies to court to designate a guardian for the minor who has no guardians and is deprived of adult care.
- A child stays in the special fostering institution until the guardian is designated by court.
- Information: <https://ukraina.interwencjaprawna.pl/category/діти-без-опікунів/>



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