

SPAIN

Temporary protection for Ukrainians fleeing the war







Persons eligible for protection

- Ukrainian nationals residing in Ukraine before 24.02.2022
- Stateless persons and nationals of third countries who lived in Ukraine on a legal basis, with a residence permit, and who cannot return to their country
- Ukrainian nationals who had legally stayed in Spain before 24.02.2022 and cannot return to Ukraine as a result of the war
- Family members of the above-mentioned persons
- Ukrainian nationals who had been in Spain before 24.02.2022 illegally and cannot return to Ukraine as a result of the war.

Decision-making authority

Ministry of the Interior (Minister)

Documents to be furnished

- an ID card or a travel document; or
- documents that certify family relations, such as a marriage certificate, a birth certificate, an adoption certificate etc.

Duration of the status

one year, i.e. until 4 March 2023

Actions ensuring return to the country of origin

- A return to Ukraine for a short term (to visit family, to collect documents or to rescue family members) does not cancel the temporary protection status.
- The embassy/consulate of the country of origin in Spain must be contacted in order to return to the country of permanent residence.

Getting relevant information

- Website of the Ministry of Inclusion, Social Security and Migration of Spain
- 24/7 hotline of the Training Centre of the Social Security Authorities for Ukrainian nationals +34(91) 047-44-44
- United for Ukraine a website that offers information for the Ukrainians and refugees who come to Europe
- Shelter for Ukraine a website where temporary accommodation abroad can be found
- UAhelpinfo a Telegram channel with information on accommodation, transport, medical and legal issues in Ukraine and abroad

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Assistance in administrative services

+34 (91) 047-44-44 — this phone number is used to arrange the meeting to be granted temporary protection in the Receipt, Assistance and Coordination Centres (CREADE)

Free legal assistance and support of the displaced persons

Free legal assistance can be provided by the organisations experienced in asylum matters in Spain.



Accommodation

Access to housing

The institutions in the international protection system can be contacted:

- Centros de Acogida a
 Refugiados «CEAR» (refugee centres)
- **ACCEM** (taking care of refugees)
- International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (humanitarian aid)
- Compensation for housing rent per month per person EUR 376, for two persons EUR 489, for three persons EUR 565, for four persons EUR 641, for five to seven persons EUR 717, for eight persons EUR 780.

Compensation for utility expenses

Compensation for food, utilities and personal hygiene products per person – EUR 350, for two persons – EUR 520, for three persons – EUR 620, for five persons – EUR 670, for six persons – EUR 720, for seven persons – EUR 770, for eight persons – EUR 820, for nine persons – EUR 870.

Time frames for exercising the residence right

During the term of the temporary protection status.

SOCIAL RIGHTS OF THE DISPLACED PERSONS





Employment

Work permit

- Temporary protection enables to get a work permit with the right to work as an employee or an entrepreneur.
- nationals get help from a mentor/counsellor, who will support them during the entire job search process.

Income tax assessment

When an application for temporary protection is submitted, the police officers will issue the certificate of submission of the application that will contain the foreigner's identification number (NIE).

Term of the employment permit

During the term of the temporary protection status.



Medical aid

Persons who can be provided medical services

The persons who have applied for temporary protection and the persons who have been granted temporary protection

Conditions for medical aid

- Medical services are provided based on the certificate of submission of the application for temporary protection issued by the national police, or resolution/decision on granting temporary protection.
- It is necessary to register with the health care centre to get medical aid.
- Health care centres register persons for three months.

Types of medical services provided

Services of a general practitioner and/or paediatrician for children.

Provision of medicines

- The doctor's prescription issued during the visit and the medical card (if any) need to be presented to purchase medicines from a pharmacy.
- Some medicines are sold over the counter and can be purchased without a visit to the doctor.

Social support

Social assistance

Right to social assistance.

Amount – EUR 400 per month,
minors – EUR 100. It is paid for up to
six months.

Social services

The Community of Madrid offers seats in public canteens, where lunch and dinner services are provided Monday to Friday, for six months (+ six months).

Social benefits

- The railway company Renfe offers free trips around Spain and in the direction of France.
- Psychological support of persons affected by the war 24/7 hotline of the Training Centre of the Social Security Authorities for Ukrainian nationals +34(91) 047-44-44.

Education

Access to the school education system

The children under eighteen have the right to education under the same conditions as the Spanish nationals.

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

If he or she intends to continue studies or take an official exam during the degree recognition procedure, a person has to complete the form called Volante para la inscripción condicional en centros docentes o en exámenes oficiales (Application for conditional admission to the educational establishment or official exams).



Information on the services provided by the universities and research centres in the Community of Madrid: madrimasd.org/unixukrania Practical guide for foreign students in Europe:

https://education.ec.europa.eu/news/apractical-guide-to-student-accommodat ion-in-europe

Children's rights

Representation of the unaccompanied minors enjoying protection

Each autonomous community or city has the department responsible for helping the unaccompanied minors. The community social service must be informed of an unaccompanied minor by telephone 012. The social service team will find a legal guardian for the unaccompanied minor and institute the applicable judicial procedure.



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