

Changes In Issuing Temporary Protection Certificates To TCNs:

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Categories of TCNs Fleeing Ukraine

- Spouses of Ukrainian citizens entering Poland on or after February 24, 2022;
- **TCNs eligible for temporary protection status following the decision of the Council of the European Union of March 4, 2022 (covering persons who had permanent residency or were granted international protection in Ukraine and cannot safely return to their country of origin)**
- TCNs with no right to protection

Confirming the Right to Temporary Protection

From January 25, 2023, applications for a Temporary Protection certificate can be submitted:

- By post, to: Office for Foreigners, ul. Taborowa 33, 02-699 Warsaw
- By e-mail, to: Opiekowaczasowa@udsc.gov.pl
- Electronically via the ePUAP platform
- In person at the Office for Foreigners, ul. Taborowa 33, 02-699 Warsaw.

The application form can be found here: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ochrona/zmiana-zasad-wydawania-zaswiadczen-o-ochronie-czasowej>

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The application should include:

- A copy of the travel document with confirmation of entry into the territory of Poland on or after February 24, 2022
- A copy of the document proving legal permanent residence or international protection granted by Ukrainian authorities before February 24, 2022
- A statement on the impossibility of safe return to the country or region of origin
- Copies of documents regarding kinship with persons entitled to temporary protection in the case of children or other close relatives who lived together as one family

Rights of Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection

- Right to work without a work permit
- Right to conduct business activities, including founding a business
- Right to free health care provided by the Office for Foreigners
- Right to benefits and shelter provided by the Office for Foreigners

IOM Assistance for TCNs

- Basic legal advice through the Infoline: 22 490 20 44 (Mon-Fri 9-17; available in Polish, English, Ukrainian, and Russian)
- Basic legal advice in person, including support applying for TRP or temporary protection certificate
- Short-term accommodation for vulnerable cases – contact iompolandprykhystok@iom.int
- Career counselling
- Free language classes (Polish and English)
- Contact: Barbara Blok: bblok@iom.int