

# REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

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**UNHCR**  
The UN Refugee Agency

## CANADA

Canada is **expediting family reunification** for immediate family members (spouse/partner and dependent children) who are Ukrainian nationals. The process needs to be initiated by the family member in Canada and fees vary depending on the family composition.

For more information:



Canada is also setting up a temporary resident visa for Ukrainian nationals called the '**Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel**', which allows Ukrainians to come to Canada for up to their years. Once in Canada, you will be able to apply for a work permit.

For more information:



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada has created a webpage outlining its special immigration measures for Ukrainian nationals. The page includes links to a phone line and a web form:

For more information:



## LIECHTENSTEIN

If you are a Ukrainian national or a Ukrainian resident permit holder, **you can enter Liechtenstein** without a biometric travel document or visa.

You can stay in Liechtenstein **without a visa for up to 90 days**. You will be asked to show your Ukrainian passport or ID document, or if you are a third-country national, you will be asked to show your passport and proof of former valid residency in Ukraine.

If you wish to stay in Liechtenstein beyond 90 days, you are invited to contact the Office for Aliens and Passport Affairs at the following address:

[asyl@lv.li](mailto:asyl@lv.li)

For more information:



For requests concerning **legal advice on the asylum procedure**, UNHCR recommends that you contact the **Liechtenstein Refugee Council**.

For more information:



## SWITZERLAND

If you are a Ukrainian national or a Ukrainian resident permit holder, **you can enter Switzerland** without a biometric travel document or visa.

You can stay in Switzerland **without a visa for up to 90 days**. You will be asked to show your Ukrainian passport or ID document, or if you are a third-country national, your passport and proof of former valid residency in Ukraine.

If you wish to stay in Switzerland for more than 90 days, you can **apply for a residence permit or apply for asylum**.

Applicants for temporary protection have access to counselling.

If you will receive temporary protection, you will be able to live, work and study in Switzerland and be eligible for social assistance and basic medical insurance. You will also be able to apply for family reunification with your immediate family (spouses/registered partners and children under 18).

For more information:



## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

If you have a **family member who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident** in the U.S., you may be eligible for family-based programs.

For more information:



If you have a **spouse or parent who has been granted asylum or is a resettled refugee** in the U.S., they may also be eligible to petition for you to reunite with them in the U.S.

Please see:



UNHCR recommends that **individuals with pending immigrant petitions** monitor the U.S. embassy websites for current information. Individuals with pending immigrant visas at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv (which has suspended consular services) can transfer their case to another U.S. embassy.

Those applying for **non-immigrant visas** may do so in any country where they are physically present and where there are appointments available.

Please note that while the U.S. has announced Temporary Protected Status for a period of 18 months to Ukrainians already living in the U.S., it does not provide any pathway for family reunification.



## UNITED KINGDOM

There are two programmes for persons fleeing Ukraine in the United Kingdom:

The **Ukrainian Family Scheme** is for Ukrainian nationals or immediate family members who lived in Ukraine before 1 January 2022 and have a family member (spouse, fiancé or proposed civil partner, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin, grandchild or other type of family member) who is a British citizen or a person is settled in the UK (including as a refugee or with humanitarian protection).

You can apply for the **Ukrainian Family Scheme** online and the application is free. Please see: Apply for a Ukraine Family Scheme visa



There is also a **Community Sponsorship Programme** in case you do not have family members in the UK but know someone in the UK who wishes to sponsor you to come to the UK and offer you a home

After your arrival, you will receive 36 months leave to remain. You will be able to live, work and study in the UK and access public funds. For more information:



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