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Country	BULGARIA
Rules regarding entering the country with biometric passport	Ukrainian citizens are allowed to pass through the Bulgarian border checkpoints after presenting Ukrainian biometric passports. They can reside in the EU without a visa for maximum of 90 days during an 180-day period.
Rules regarding entering the country with passport other than biometric	Ukrainian citizens without a passport other than biometric need a visa to enter the Bulgarian border. If they do not have a visa, they have to apply for asylum on the territory of the first state which border they can cross (e.g. Romania, Moldova).
Rules regarding entering the country without passport/with ID	Ukrainian citizens without a passport, which have an ID card need a visa to enter the Bulgarian border. If they do not have a visa, they have to apply for asylum on the territory of the first state which border they can cross (e.g. Romania, Moldova).
Are applications for asylum being accepted?	Once in the territory of Bulgaria, Ukrainian citizens can apply for asylum, as their stay under the visa-free regime is up to 90 days within 6 months.
Is any registration for refugees from UA organized?	<p>Yes. TERRITORIAL UNITS OF THE STATE AGENCY FOR REFUGEES</p> <p>Registration and reception Centre in the capital of Sofia: 1618 Sofia; Ovcha Kupel residential district, 21-A Montevideo Str. Director: Plamen Penov (+3592) 80 80 986, e-mail: Plamen.Penov@saref.government.bg</p> <p>Registration and reception centre in the village of Banya: 8914 Banya village, Nova Zagora Municipality, 17 Mineralni bani Region Director: Dimitar Zahariev, (+359457) 62677: 65715; e-mail: Dimitar.Zahariev@saref.government.bg</p> <p>Registration and reception centre - Harmanli: 6450 Harmanli, "Druzhiba" № 23 Director: Slavcho Yanev, (+359) 0879444673 e-mail: Slavcho.Yanev@saref.government.bg</p> <p><u>Transit Centre in the village of Pastrogor: 6519 Pastrogor village, Svilengrad Municipality</u></p>
Is any accommodation offered for refugees from UA?	Yes, the refugees have right of accommodation and food. Besides in the above refugee centres, at the moment the Bulgarian state, Municipalities, private organizations and Bulgarian citizen provide accommodation for people, coming from Ukraine.
Is there healthcare for refugees from UA offered?	The refugees are entitled of health insurance and health care in the same extend as Bulgarian citizens.
Is there any central contact point where to ask for help?	<p>STATE AGENCY FOR REFUGEES WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS</p> <p>1233 Sofia; Serdika District; 114-B, Maria Luiza Blvd.</p> <p>e-mail: sar@saref.government.bg https://www.aref.government.bg/en</p>



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May Ukrainian refugees work without a permit?

Third-country nationals who have applied for international protection and the proceedings have not been completed within three months of submitting the application for reasons beyond their control, have the right to access the labour market and can work in the Republic of Bulgaria without a work permit, after declaring the employment in the Employment Agency for a period until the end of the proceedings under the Asylum and Refugees Act.

Are there any restrictions connected with Covid at the border and after arrival?

There is no official exception for refugees from Ukraine in this regard. They must present at the Bulgarian border a certificate of vaccination, a certificate of recovery, negative PCR test or negative antigen test. Antigen tests could be made on the border.

Can non-Ukrainians use on the ground border crossings coming from Ukraine? (If Applicable)

Yes

What is the situation at border crossing points with Ukraine? (if applicable)

Not applicable

Other information

<https://www.gov.bg/bg/ukraine>; <https://bghelsinki.org/>; <https://asylum.bg/>

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