

 <b>UKRAINE HELPDESK</b> 	
<b>Country</b>	<b>PORTUGAL</b>
<b>Rules regarding entering the country with biometric passport</b>	<p>Any identification paper may be used in these circumstances for the automatic granting of a residence permit, for a period of one year, with the possibility of extending the respective residence permit to nationals of Ukraine and their family members, coming from their country of origin, and unable to return there, as a result of the war situation there. This temporary protection is also available to foreign citizens of other nationalities who can prove that they are relatives, relations, spouses, or unmarried partners of Ukrainian citizens in similar circumstances.</p> <p>In general terms, Ukrainian nationals holding biometric passports are exempted of Schengen visas. Given the current situation, the Portuguese Government adopted legislation enabling the possibility of Ukrainian nationals apply for the temporary protection regime, foreseen on the Council Directive 2001/55/EC, which means, in short, that could enter in Portugal and be granted a residence permit under the terms and conditions of the temporary protection regime (valid for one year and automatically extended to two additional periods of six months for a maximum of one year).</p>
<b>Rules regarding entering the country with passport other than biometric</b>	<p>Any identification paper may be used in these circumstances for the automatic granting of a residence permit, for a period of one year, with the possibility of extending the respective residence permit to nationals of Ukraine and their family members, coming from their country of origin, and unable to return there, as a result of the war situation there. This temporary protection is also available to foreign citizens of other nationalities who can prove that they are relatives, relations, spouses, or unmarried partners of Ukrainian citizens in similar circumstances.</p>
<b>Rules regarding entering the country without passport/with ID</b>	<p>Once Ukraine is not part of the EU, in general terms, its nationals must hold a valid passport to enter in Portugal. However, and given the current situation, Ukrainian nationals are being allowed to enter in Portugal only with their ID cards and apply for the temporary protection regime, foreseen on the Council Directive 2001/55/EC, which means, in short, that could enter in Portugal without the passport and Schengen visa and be granted a residence permit under the specific terms and conditions of the temporary protection regime (valid for one year and automatically extended to two additional periods of six months for a maximum of one year).</p>
<b>Are applications for asylum being accepted?</b>	<p>Although Ukrainian nationals may apply/benefit from the temporary protection regime, foreseen on the Council Directive 2001/55/EC, can also apply for asylum.</p> <p>Applications should be made directly at "Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras" (SEF) or at any other Portuguese Police Border Authority.</p>
<b>Is any registration for refugees from UA organized?</b>	<p>Yes, by the Immigration Services (in Portuguese, SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras).</p>
<b>Is any accommodation offered for refugees from UA?</b>	<p>Yes, it is being prepared by the Government, along with the municipalities and other public and private entities (including NGO's), accommodation plans for Ukrainian nationals.</p>
<b>Is there healthcare for refugees from UA offered?</b>	<p>Yes, the Portuguese Government provides for an automatic and simplified process for obtaining tax and health identification numbers and for applying for a job, which in turn speeds up access to social security, health, education, and housing services, among others. Under the temporary protection regime, foreseen on the Council Directive 2001/55/EC, this is being automatically granted to the Ukrainian nationals access to the NHS (National Health Service).</p>

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<b>Is there any central contact point where to ask for help?</b>	<p>In Portugal, before specific and exclusive departments for Ukrainian nationals on the Immigration Services (in Portuguese, SEF - Serviço de Estrangeiros e Fronteiras - <a href="https://eportugal.gov.pt/noticias/balcoes-de-atendimento-do-sef-exclusivos-para-cidadaos-ucranianos">https://eportugal.gov.pt/noticias/balcoes-de-atendimento-do-sef-exclusivos-para-cidadaos-ucranianos</a>) and before the National Immigration Support Centre (in Portuguese, CNAIM - Centro Nacional de Apoio à Integração de Migrantes)</p> <p>Ukrainian citizens can call on the following number: +351 218 106 191, or send an email to the following email address: <a href="mailto:sosucrania@acm.gov.pt">sosucrania@acm.gov.pt</a></p>
<b>May Ukrainian refugees work without a permit?</b>	Under the temporary protection regime, foreseen on the Council Directive 2001/55/EC, Ukrainian nationals are automatically granted work permits, and also taxpayer and social security numbers.
<b>Are there any restrictions connected with Covid at the border and after arrival?</b>	At the moment, there are no restrictions.
<b>Can non-Ukrainians use on the ground border crossings coming from Ukraine? (if Applicable)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>What is the situation at border crossing points with Ukraine? (if applicable)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Other information</b>	<p>The Portuguese Government determines that beneficiaries of temporary protection are to be treated in the same way as beneficiaries with refugee status for the purposes of access to social benefits under the non-contributory regime.</p> <p>Additional information can be found on the following websites: <a href="https://wehelpukraine.org/Home.aspx">https://wehelpukraine.org/Home.aspx</a> / <a href="https://www.iefp.pt/portugal-for-ukraine">https://www.iefp.pt/portugal-for-ukraine</a></p>
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