

 <b>UKRAINE HELPDESK</b> 	
<b>Country</b>	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>
<b>Rules regarding entering the country with biometric passport</b>	<p>Visa required for entry to the UK. Temporary visa concessions have been introduced for family members of British nationals who usually live in Ukraine. Non-British family members of British nationals in the Ukraine can apply for a family migration visa for free. UKVI should be contacted as follows: Telephone: +44 300 3032785 – select option 1 (0300 3032785 if you're in the UK – select option 1) Lines are open 24 hours a day 7 days a week. This is a free phone number, but network charges may still apply. Family members of British nationals who usually live in Ukraine and need a UK visa can apply through the new, temporary VAC location in the Lemberg Business Centre in the city of Lviv to give their biometrics. Alternatively, they can apply through a VAC in a nearby country if able to safely travel. VACs are currently operating in: Poland, Romania, Hungary and Moldova. UKVI aim to process family migration visa applications, or contact the applicant about their application, within 24 hours from submitting biometrics (fingerprints) at the VAC. We understand there will also be a new humanitarian sponsorship visa route for Ukrainians without family links in Britain. Ukrainians applying for these visas will need to match with charities, businesses and community groups, and there will be no cap on numbers coming through this scheme. The details of this are currently unclear.</p>
<b>Rules regarding entering the country with passport other than biometric</b>	As above
<b>Rules regarding entering the country without passport/with ID</b>	The Home Office position currently remains that Ukrainian nationals must have a visa to be admitted to the UK. Except in exceptional cases, a passport is required to apply for a visa.
<b>Are applications for asylum being accepted?</b>	<p>The Home Office has withdrawn its asylum policy for Ukraine which suggests that they are re-assessing the policy on asylum claims from Ukraine. It is not yet clear whether Ukrainians will successfully be able to claim asylum.</p> <p>Ukrainians will need a visa to obtain entry to the UK.</p> <p>Ukrainians may be eligible for family visa concessions if they have a close British family member or family member with settled status in the UK. The British sponsor must be the applicant's spouse, civil partner, unmarried partner with whom they have cohabited for two years, parent if the applicant is under 18, child under 18, adult relative who lives with the applicant to whom the applicant provides care because of their medical condition.</p> <p>If joining family members, the applicant will be granted leave for 12 months, they will be able to work and access public funds.</p> <p>Normal requirements for salary or language tests will be waived.</p> <p>The Ukrainian Family Scheme is being established that will widen the pool of applicants eligible to apply for a visa to include parents, grandparents, adult offspring, siblings and immediate family members. This scheme will be free.</p> <p>The UK has introduced the humanitarian sponsorship pathway, which will allow British businesses, communities, private sponsors or local authorities to bring Ukrainians to the UK. The sponsor would provide housing.</p>
<b>Is any registration for refugees from UA organized?</b>	As above, there are a number of charities, businesses and community groups seeking to assist Ukrainian refugees, but no central organisation.
<b>Is any accommodation offered for refugees from UA?</b>	<p>Not officially, although businesses and landlords are being encouraged to offer accommodation.</p> <p>Airbnb has offered accommodation for 100,000 Ukrainians.</p> <p>The National Residential Landlords Association in the UK has put pressure on the UK government to set up a central register for properties that might be suitable for those in need.</p>
<b>Is there healthcare for refugees from UA offered?</b>	In The UK, refugees and asylum seekers with an active application or appeal are fully entitled to free NHS care.

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<b>Is there any central contact point where to ask for help?</b>	<p>There is a central government phone helpline: (+44) 300 3032785  There is a temporary UK visa application office in Lviv. There are also temporary centres in Poland, Moldova, Romania and Hungary.</p>
<b>May Ukrainian refugees work without a permit?</b>	<p>The UK has not yet addressed this, so currently it would depend upon the visa on which they arrive. Other countries have expanded their rules for Ukrainian refugees specifically; for example, the EU has stated that it is preparing to grant Ukrainian refugees a right to stay and work throughout the EU for up to three years.</p> <p>Ukrainians can work if they have a visa under the family scheme and the sponsorship pathway.</p>
<b>Are there any restrictions connected with Covid at the border and after arrival?</b>	<p><u>Fully vaccinated arrival from Ukraine - no restrictions</u>  You do not need to complete a passenger locator form if you began your journey in Ukraine.  No COVID-19 tests required before you travel to England or after you arrive.  No quarantine requirement.</p> <p><u>Not fully vaccinated arrival from Ukraine - no restrictions</u>  If you began your journey in Ukraine, you do not need to complete a passenger locator form  You do not need to take a COVID-19 test before travel to England and you do not need to book a PCR test on arrival.</p>
<b>Can non-Ukrainians use on the ground border crossings coming from Ukraine? (If Applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>What is the situation at border crossing points with Ukraine? (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Other information</b>	
<b>Whom to contact for assistance:</b>	<p><b>Lester Aldridge LLP</b>  <a href="mailto:Ruth.chornolutsky@a-law.com">Ruth.chornolutsky@a-law.com</a>  +44 1202 786188</p> <p><b>Lee Bolton Monier Williams</b>  <a href="mailto:stephen.dean@lbmw.com">stephen.dean@lbmw.com</a>, <a href="mailto:edward.henderson@lbmw.com">edward.henderson@lbmw.com</a>  +44 20 7222 5381</p>