

Homes for Ukraine sponsorship scheme

The Homes for Ukraine scheme is open for applications. Ukrainians with a named eligible sponsor in the UK, who can provide accommodation, may apply for a visa. It is free to apply. There is no immigration health surcharge and no biometric enrolment fee.

Sponsors can live anywhere in the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) and can be of any nationality, provided they have at least six months' permission to stay in the UK.

Eligibility

This scheme is open to Ukrainian nationals who were resident in Ukraine prior to 1 January 2022. It is also open to the immediate family members of such Ukrainian nationals (for example: a spouse, a civil partner, an unmarried partner (must have lived together in a relationship for two years), children under-18, parent if you are under-18, fiancé(e) or a proposed civil partner. These individuals may be of other nationalities).

Applicants can apply from Ukraine or a third country but not from inside the UK.

People arriving under this scheme will be able to:

- Live and work in the UK for up to three years; and
- Access healthcare, public funds, employment and other support.

One application is required on behalf of every individual coming to the UK.

The application can be completed by either the sponsor in the UK or the Ukrainian/family member, but information from both is required to complete the form.

How to apply

To apply please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme>

The process for a Ukrainian national applying is:

1. You and your sponsor find each other and agree to a match. You may have a friend or acquaintance in the UK who can sponsor you. If you do not currently know anyone in the UK, we understand that charities, faith groups and community organisations are assisting with making connections between individuals.
2. If you have any special requirements, you should check with your sponsor before applying. For example, if you have a young child, are elderly, or have a disability.
3. Either you or your sponsor in the UK fills out the single visa application form online using both parties' details.

4. Passport numbers (alongside completion of eligibility questions and other personal details) for both you and your sponsor will be required to complete the application.
5. **If you have a valid Ukrainian international passport** you will need to upload a copy of the photograph page of your Ukrainian international passport.
6. **If you (or anyone you are traveling with, including children) do not possess a valid passport**, you will need to book and attend an appointment at a visa application centre to process your application, and record your biometrics. Following your appointment, you should wait for your visa to be issued by UK Visas & Immigration before travelling to the UK.
7. After the application is submitted, checks are done on the sponsor, all other adults in the sponsor's household, and on you (the applicant).
8. Once both you and your sponsor have passed the checks, UK Visas & Immigration will issue you with a letter confirming you can travel. This letter allows you to board a plane or other form of transportation to the UK.

Preparing to travel

You should co-ordinate your arrival with your sponsor and ask them for instructions on how to reach their accommodation from your chosen point of arrival in the UK. At major transport hubs there will be areas where you can get more information if required, for onward travel.

You will be eligible for a single onward journey via national rail, light rail, bus and coach free of charge to your final destination in Great Britain (England, Scotland and Wales). Information on this, including a journey planner is available on the National Rail Enquiries website.

On arrival in the UK, if you did not attend a visa application centre (i.e. you applied entirely online), you will present your permission letter to UK Immigration who will endorse your passport with a six-month entry stamp that confirms your right to work, study and claim benefits in the UK.

Once you are in the UK, you will be able to extend your stay (for up to 3 years) and be issued with a biometric residence permit (BRP). If you have attended a visa application centre and given your biometrics already, you will be given 3 years' leave to enter on arrival.

After arrival

Once in the UK, the Local Authority (council) where you are based will provide you with additional support when it is required.

Your sponsor and other organisations should also be able to offer support on adapting to life in the UK. This can include finding work, access to benefits and services, such as registering with a GP (doctor) and finding school places for children.

Further information

For further information please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>





Home Office

UKRAINE
FAMILY SCHEME

Immigration information for Ukrainians and their family members

The Ukraine Family Scheme is open now for applications. It allows applicants to join family members who are settled in the UK.

It is free to apply and you can stay in the UK for up to 3 years. You do not need to pay the immigration health surcharge or biometric enrolment fee for this scheme. You will be able to live, work and study in the UK and access public funds.

If you need any assistance, please call the 24/7 free helpline +44 808 164 8810.

Eligibility

To apply to the Ukraine Family Scheme you must:

- be applying to join or accompany your UK-based family member; and
- be Ukrainian or the immediate family member of a Ukrainian national who is applying to the scheme; and
- have been residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1 January 2022 (including those who have now left Ukraine)

Your application will be subject to security checks.

How to apply

You will need to [apply online](#) for the Ukraine Family Scheme.

Application forms must be completed for each family member, including one application per child.

If you have a valid Ukrainian international passport

You will need to:

1. Start an application online at: www.gov.uk/UFS
2. Upload a copy of the photograph page of your Ukrainian international passport. If you have them, you should also provide any documents that show:
 - i. your relationship to your UK-based family member
 - ii. you were residing in Ukraine on or immediately before 1 January 2022
3. Receive an email from UK Visas & Immigration with permission letter confirming you can travel to the UK

4. Travel to the UK with your permission letter
5. When you arrive in the UK, show your permission letter to Border Force officers who will endorse your passport with a 6-month entry stamp. The 6-month entry stamp is evidence of your right to work, study and claim benefits in the UK.
6. Once in the UK, make an application within 6 months to extend your stay (for up to 3 years) and be issued with secure evidence of status

If you do not have a valid Ukrainian international passport

You will need to:

1. Complete an online application form: www.gov.uk/UFS
2. Book and attend an appointment at a [visa application centre](#) for security checks.
3. Remain in the location where you submitted your application until UK Visas & Immigration contact you.
4. You will be contacted when a decision has been made with more guidance on the travel process.

How long it takes

You will need to wait for a decision from UKVI on your application before travelling to the UK. We are prioritising Ukraine Family Scheme applications and aim to make a decision as quickly as possible.

You will be contacted when a decision has been made with more guidance on the travel process.

If you do not have family in the UK

- The Homes for Ukraine scheme allows people with no family ties to the UK who are seeking sanctuary to be sponsored by individuals or organisations who can offer them a home.
- You are eligible if you are a Ukrainian national or the immediate family member of a Ukrainian national, and were resident in Ukraine prior to 1 January 2022. You will also need a sponsor who is eligible for the Homes for Ukraine Scheme.
- You could be granted leave to remain in the UK for 3 years, and be able to work and access benefits and public services – including healthcare and schooling.
- The first phase of the scheme opened on Friday 18 March for visa applications from Ukrainians who have named people willing to sponsor them.
- For more information and to apply, go to: www.gov.uk/ukraine-sponsorship-visa

Contact us

For more information and help with questions about the scheme:

Call the free 24/7 helpline: +44 808 164 8810

Go to: www.gov.uk/UFS

