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## 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](http://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](http://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.

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### **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](http://www.gov.uk/ukraine-sponsorship-visa)

### **Contact us**

For more information and help with questions about the scheme:

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Go to: [www.gov.uk/UFS](http://www.gov.uk/UFS)

