

# UKRAINIAN CITIZENS IN GERMAN IMMIGRATION – RESIDENCE – EMPLOYMENT



## Entry into German territory

Citizens of Ukraine and other countries who have resided in Ukraine **may enter into German territory without a visa**. According to a decree of the Ministry of the Interior there, **until 23 May 2022, people affected by war are exempt from the requirement to have a residence permit**.

## The right of residence

The Foreigners' Office **issue residence permits - initially for one year, which can be extended**.

## Work permit

The residence permits also include **a work permit, which covers all types of employment**. **Attention!** make sure already at the application stage that the residence permit also includes a work permit.

**Professionals who wish to work in their profession** should check whether their training or profession is recognised in Germany. This applies in particular to the so-called **regulated professions**, mainly in the medical field (health care workers, caretakers of the sick, doctors) as well as teachers and lawyers. This also applies to certain **master's professions**. This also applies to certain skilled trades if the foreigner is planning to become self-employed.

Ukrainians who wish to work in a regulated profession **must have their training confirmed by the Central Office for the Recognition of Foreign Qualifications** (*German: Zentrale Behörde für die Anerkennung ausländischer Qualifikationen*). This institution has been **set up in every federal state** and is responsible for identifying any shortcomings in qualifications. If a Ukrainian is not qualified enough to work in Germany, the authority issues a so-called **deficit decision**. (*German: Defizitbescheid*). If you work in the same profession and undergo theoretical further training with the same employer, this decision can be reversed and you can **have your qualifications confirmed as being equivalent to those in Germany**.

**Knowledge of German** is also important, at least at A2 level (Goethe-Institut, telc, etc.), or B2 or higher for medical professions.

In the case of **non-regulated professions**, deficits can be compensated within the framework of employment as a skilled worker. During qualification, employees can take on additional work (up to 10 hours per week). If it is related to a profession that is to be recognised in Germany, it can also be carried out for an unlimited period of time.

**Attention!** Please note that many measures to improve your qualifications are subsidised by the Job Centre.



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