

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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