

UKRAINIAN CITIZENS IN FRANCE

IMMIGRATION – RESIDENCE – EMPLOYMENT



Entry into France

- Ukrainians holding a **biometric passport** and wishing to travel to France do not need to apply to the consular authorities.
- Ukrainians wishing to travel to France and who do not have a biometric passport or a travel document must go to one of the consular offices in the countries bordering Ukraine (Poland, Romania, Hungary, etc.) so that their situation can be examined.
- Within the Schengen area, and therefore in France, Ukrainians who hold a biometric passport or whose situation has been studied and regularised, will be **in a legal situation for 90 days**. If they so wish, **they can obtain protection** in France or any other country in the Schengen area.

The right of residence

To stay beyond 90 days, it is possible to benefit from **temporary protection**.

This is an exceptional measure authorised by the Council of the European Union decision of 4 March 2022.

The following situations are eligible for temporary protection:

- You are a Ukrainian national and you were resident in Ukraine before 24 February 2022;
- You are not a Ukrainian national and you benefit from protection (international or equivalent national) granted by the Ukrainian authorities;
- You are not a Ukrainian national, you hold a valid permanent residence permit issued by the Ukrainian authorities and you are not able to return to your country of origin in a safe and sustainable manner;
- You are a family member of a person falling under one of the above cases (family members are: spouse, unmarried minor children and dependent parents).

What are your rights once protected?

- The issuance of a **temporary residence permit** on French territory for a period of 6 months, bearing the mention "beneficiary of temporary protection";
- The payment of **the asylum seeker's allowance**;
- **Authorisation to carry out a professional activity**;
- **Access to healthcare** through medical care;
- **Schooling of minor children**;
- **Support in accessing housing**.

Where to apply for temporary protection?

Go to the prefecture of your place of residence or accommodation:

- **With the documents in your possession justifying your situation**;
- Accompanied by your family members (spouse, unmarried minor children and dependent parents)

What next?

- If your file is complete and admissible, you will be protected and you will obtain a temporary residence permit.
- You will then be referred to the French Office for Immigration and Integration (OFII).

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