



ADVICE, INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIANS WHO WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR STAY IN THE UK

Ukrainian Sponsorship Pathway UK is an organisation from the United Kingdom working in Poland to help Ukrainian people apply for the new United Kingdom “Homes for Ukraine” scheme.

Some Ukrainians already have the right to enter the UK under the “Ukraine Family” scheme if they have direct relatives already living in the UK. We want to help those who do not have any family in the UK and therefore can take advantage of the “Homes for Ukraine” program.

We understand that you have the right to travel to any country in the European Union, but the UK is not part of the EU. If you want to come to the UK then you **MUST** be matched with a sponsor, this can be done through the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and other channels (unless you are travelling to Scotland). This involves making an on-line application. We can help answer your questions, make the application, and assist your travel to the UK.

If you want to come to Scotland you do not need to be matched with a sponsor (more info below). You may apply directly for your visa and the Scottish Government will be responsible for finding you a home and a sponsor. You will enjoy the same benefits in Scotland as in the rest of the UK.

More information about the program:

UK “Homes for Ukraine” scheme - what is offered?

Many thousands of individuals and families in the UK are offering accommodation to Ukrainians in their houses and apartments - these are called “Sponsors”. The scheme will match Ukrainian individuals or families with these Sponsors. Successful applicants will receive a visa that will allow them to live and work in the UK for 3 years.

In addition to the accommodation provided by the UK Sponsors you will have:

1. The right to work
2. Access to the National Health Service
3. Access to some government social welfare benefits
4. Access to schools
5. 3 years right to remain in the UK

In addition to your Sponsor there will be local charities and organisations and ordinary people to support and help you live in the UK.

Who is eligible to apply?

The scheme is open to all Ukrainian nationals (or an immediate family member of one) and were resident in Ukraine prior to 1 January 2022.

What sort of accommodation is offered?

To date over 125,000 offers of accommodation in the UK have been received and this number is growing. Sponsors are offering many types of accommodation - from a room in a house or apartment up to an entire apartment or house. Most places are located in big cities but also smaller towns. Every effort will be made to match applicants with the most appropriate accommodation.

For how long is this accommodation offered?

Registered Sponsors guarantee to provide a minimum of 6 months accommodation and some are offering 12 months or more.

How long can I stay in the UK?

Visas for 3 years will be granted.

Can I work in the UK?

Yes you can.

What about money?

You will have the right to work and also to receive some financial benefits from the UK Government. Charities and individuals are also saying that they can help you.

What about Medical care?

You and your family will be able to access the UK health service.

Can I bring my dog or cat?

Yes - but this will require an additional application - we do not know yet how long this might take. We understand that your pets are very important to you and some but not all Sponsors will be pleased to accept your pets.

Will I be safe?

The UK understands that applicants are mostly unaccompanied women and children. "Sponsors" offering accommodation are being checked by the UK Government to make sure they are appropriate in regard to your safety. We take this very seriously.

What checks will be made about applicants?

You will need to provide details about yourself and your family such as name, passport number, ID documents, photos, your address in Ukraine plus answer some questions. It will take some time for the UK government to check this data.

How long will the process take?

The first stage is to match you with an appropriate Sponsor, we can then start the visa application process. We do not know how long it will take to get the visa - we will try to help make it as quick as possible but that depends on the UK Government and we have no control over that.

Please be prepared to wait till you get approval to travel - we have been informed that this may take 14 days or more.

How will I get to the UK?

Everyone involved is working on this - we will do our best to find solutions. Assistance will be provided to organize your travel to the UK.

Is it certain that my application will be accepted?

This is a new scheme - we cannot guarantee at this stage that your application will be successful.

Helpful hints for your application

1. You will need a valid email address to receive information about your application. If you do not have one we can help
2. Your Facebook or Instagram contact details
3. Your mobile telephone contact number - so we can contact you
4. A photograph of your passport and any other official documents that may help prove who you are (marriage or birth certificate)
5. We believe that each member of your family will need to complete a separate visa application.

NEXT ACTION

If you would like to talk about entry into the UK, our representatives will be available in refugee locations:

1. Warsaw
 - Nadarzyn PTAK Expo
 - Global Expo Modlińska
2. Krakow
 - Galeria Plaza

Please see also our website:

www.uspuk.org

or contact us on:

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