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# Guideline for people leaving Ukraine to Berlin

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## Entering Germany/Berlin

- **Ukrainian** citizens may stay in Germany for **90 days without visa**. Persons already in Berlin may stay until 31.05.2022, even if their 90-days period expired.
- **Non Ukrainians** (incl. Russian nationals) may not legally enter Germany without a visa. If you *have* entered Germany you may, given the extraordinary circumstances, apply for recognition as a **war refugee** (see below).
- Ukrainian citizens may use all buses and trains operated by [VBB](#) (Berlin-Brandenburg).

## Staying in Germany

### Option 1: War refugee status

- You may apply for recognition as **war refugee** (§ 24 AufenthG) to stay for a minimum of 1 year, max. 3 years. **A registration at the central registration office in Berlin-Reinickendorf is required - Address: Oranienburger Straße 285, 13437 Berlin-Reinickendorf.** Appointment for registration can be booked [online](#). **Please apply ASAP, since the waiting time is already several weeks.**
- As a **Ukrainian national**, you only need a valid passport. If **third-country national** or **stateless**, you need to prove that you were legally residing in the Ukraine before Feb. 24th, 2022 and can't safely return to your home country.
- As a **war refugee** you may apply for **primary or financial support** (financial support, medical care, housing).
- If you have residence permit according to § 24 AufenthG (after completed registration as explained above) and apply for a work permit. It can be issued by the Federal Immigration Offices. It will be expected that people who have a residence permit according to § 24 AufenthG will also receive a work permit.
- **For war refugees:** You are entitled to receive benefits according to the AsylbLG.

#### **Useful links:**

<https://www.jobaidukraine.com/>

#### Useful links for further information

##### in Russian or Ukrainian:

- Please find further information regarding specific topics e.g. **family reunification** or special needs for **children** or further general information in [Ukrainian](#) or [Russian](#).
- Click [here](#) for **legal advice** by specialists based in Berlin for **immigration** and **asylum** issues.
- For **online legal consulting in Russian** click [here](#).

### Option 2: asylum

- While you have a legal right to apply for **asylum**, in most cases you should **not do so!**
- As an **asylum seeker** you will be subject to a number of restrictions (restricted freedom of establishment and movement, no work permit etc.), therefore you should primarily consider option 1 above or 3 below.

### Option 3: standard residence and work permit

- Obviously, you still have the "normal" option of applying for a **residence and work permit** through the immigration authorities (in Berlin: [LEA](#)).
- There are several options, but generally you need to show that you're being employed and/or are earning a sufficient amount of money and/or are a highly qualified worker. **Please seek legal assistance to assess the best opportunities for you (for further information look at the blue box below).**

**NOTE:** As a **war refugee**, you may not be able to choose your place of residence within Germany freely, **unless you can show that you have familiar or social ties to a specific place**. Please seek legal assistance when submitting your application.

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## How can I receive medical help?

- As a refugee you can receive medical care directly on site in large accommodations at the so-called “Medpoints”.
- The following institutions can provide support if additional treatment is required:
  - [Berlin network for particularly vulnerable refugees](#)
  - [Clearing house for people without health insurance](#)
  - [Xenion e.V.](#)
  - [Center Survival](#)
- **Pregnant women** can have gynecological examination or a prenatal check-up in the centers for sexual health and family planning. You will find the centers at five locations: [Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf](#), [Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg](#), [Marzahn-Hellersdorf](#), [Mitte](#) and [Steglitz-Zehlendorf](#).
- **Please note:** Maybe a telephone appointment will be required.
- **Refugees with disabilities** can apply for necessary aids and therapies. The central point of contact is the [Berlin Center for Independent Living e.V.](#)
- **For people who do not have an insurance yet:** On this [website](#) you can find 500 medical practices which provide ambulant medical treatment for free. If there is an emergency, contact the social welfare office near to your accommodation!

## Am I entitled to receive social benefits?

- For people who have **no visa** or **visitor visa**: There is no entitlement to receive regular unemployment benefit II, but you can apply for “bridging benefits” at the social welfare office (§ 23 III S. 6 SGB XII). In cases of hardship you can apply for such benefits for more than one month in full height. After three months you can apply for a subsistence allowance according to SGB XII.
- Caritas provides further support for social and legal issues. Click [here](#) for further information.
- **In case of emergency:** Please contact the Sozialamt (social welfare office) near to your accommodation. **If you consult the Sozialamt, this will be considered as request for protection.** You don't have to be registered yet!

**NOTE:** According to the latest news, the Sozialamt is starting to accept applications for social benefits and/or granting them even before you are registered as a war refugee or asylum seeker. Please check at your local Sozialamt the procedure.

## May I use my car?

- Yes, if you have one feel free to use it. German insurers want to support Ukrainian refugees since driving without valid insurance cover is not allowed in Germany. The German Green Card Office is responsible for regulation. After an accident injured parties are protected within the applicable

*If you need help, feel free to contact us anytime:*

### Useful links for translation services

in Berlin:

Ukrainian → German  
Russian → German

- [Norbert Zaenker](#)
- [linguakontakt.de](#)



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