

Visa options for Ukraine nationals outside Australia

The Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS) stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

The Department of Home Affairs (the Department) website has a [specific page of information](#) for those affected by the invasion by Russia of Ukraine www.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-and-support/ukraine-visa-support. Always check this for updated information.

The information below is based on the Department advice on their website.

Ukrainian nationals outside Australia

Applying for a visa

There may be options for humanitarian as well as temporary or permanent family and skilled visas to Australia. It is wise to get legal advice on all the visa categories that you may be eligible for because some may be quicker to obtain than others.

The Department has details about visa options on their website at [DHA visa options online](#).

[RAILS has a Fact Sheet about "Visa options to Australia"](#) at www.rails.org.au/education/legal-info

Visitor subclass 600 visa

The Department say on their '[Ukraine visa support](#)' webpage that applicants with a relative in Australia can apply for a [Visitor visa application in the Tourist stream](#). These are subclass 600 visas - for up to 12 months. Some of these visa applications can be processed very quickly. You don't need to lodge an application under the Sponsored Family Visitor stream.

A Visitor subclass 600 Tourist visa has these conditions: No work, 3 months study, health insurance, no further stay (unless this condition is waived)

Travel document

The Department website says that Ukrainian nationals wishing to lodge applications to travel to Australia need to hold either:

- a valid passport. (this may include: passports that have been extended by an Embassy or Consulate of Ukraine or the Ukraine State Migration Service with an inscription stating the extended validity date; and additional minors (under 16) inscribed in a parent/guardian's passport notated by an Embassy or Consulate of Ukraine or the Ukraine State Migration Service)
- a certified Certificate of Identity (Свідоцтво що засвідчує особу) issued by an Embassy or Consulate of Ukraine in a country neighbouring Ukraine, or
- an internal passport in the form of an ID-Card, that states in both Ukrainian and English the full name, date and place of birth.

The Department say if you are having difficulty lodging your application on-line, submit a [Ukraine online enquiry form](#) with a copy of your travel document. The Department will contact you and help.

The Department advise not to enter made-up passport details just so you can lodge online. They advise you contact them through a [online enquiry](#) if you have done this.

Note that giving false information to the Department can risk visa applications being refused or visas cancelled for applicants and sponsors.

If you can't get a valid travel document

The Department website states that Ukrainian nationals who do not hold a valid travel document should seek advice from the Ukraine State Migration Service or their nearest Ukraine Embassy or Consulate in a neighbouring country.

The Ukraine Government has advised that a Ukrainian Certificate of Identity can be issued by the Embassies and Consulates of Ukraine in states neighbouring Ukraine.

If you are unable to obtain a valid passport or a Ukrainian Certificate of Identity, you should provide details of efforts made to obtain these documents, along with all other available identity documents through a [online enquiry](#) .

Medical assessment

Visa applicants outside Ukraine should only make an appointment for an immigration medical assessment with a registered panel doctor if requested by the Department. A list of panel doctors outside Australia is available on the Department website at [Offices outside Australia](#).

Travel Advice

For up-to-date Government travel advice [Ukraine Travel Advice & Safety | Smartraveller](#)

Where to get legal help in Australia

QLD: RAILS (Refugee and Immigration Legal Service)	SA: RASSA
NSW: RACS . IARC	TAS: TRSA
VIC: ASRC . Refugee Legal	WA: Circle Green

Legal help for a fee on immigration matters is available from private migration agents and some lawyers:

Search for registered migration agents at this link <https://portal.mara.gov.au/search-the-register-of-migration-agents/>. See www.mara.gov.au.

Search for a lawyer through Law Societies in each state. The Queensland Law Society link is: www.qls.com.au. Search at <https://www.qls.com.au/Find-a-Solicitor/Search#>.

If you have a problem with your lawyer or registered migration agent, try to resolve it with them first. You can also get information from, or make a complaint to, the Law Society or the Migration Agents Registration Authority.

Take care

People in Ukraine face dangerous and devastating times. Family and friends in Australia are also suffering trauma. People help each other in times of need. There are also free services that give assistance:

Lifeline: 13 11 14. Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 Kids Helpline: 1800 55 1800.

**The is legal information only, not legal advice.
See a lawyer or migration agent for specific legal advice.**