



## Permanent Visa Pathway for Ukrainian Nationals

The Government has announced that Ukrainian nationals who are in Australia on Subclass 786 Temporary Humanitarian Stay visas will soon be invited to apply for Subclass 851 Resolution of Status visas.

### What is a Resolution of Status Visa?

This is a permanent visa that allows people to stay in Australia indefinitely. As permanent residents, holders can work and receive Medicare and other benefits such as Centrelink payments and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. They can also access higher education assistance.

### Who will be invited to apply?

Ukrainian nationals who accepted the government's offer of a Subclass 786 visa before 31 July 2022 and who currently still hold that visa will receive an offer. Those whose visas expire soon will be given offers first, followed by those whose visas expire later.

If you have an urgent need to obtain a permanent visa, RAILS can help you to ask Home Affairs to prioritise your offer. You must have an urgent or compassionate and compelling reason to be given priority.

### What do I need to do now?

If you are on a Subclass 786 visa, it is important that Home Affairs has your current email address and postal address to send your offer to. You can update these via your IMMI Account or by filling out a Form 929 and sending it to Home Affairs.

### What do I do when I receive the offer?

When you receive an offer, you can apply for the Resolution of Status visa using your IMMI Account. If you need help with this, you can contact RAILS for free assistance.

You will need to provide identity documents with your application. Home Affairs will check that you meet the character and security requirements of the visa before granting it.

You will also need to do health checks if you:

- Have left Australia for 6 months or more;
- Have recently visited a country which has tuberculosis; or
- You did not do health checks before your Subclass 786 visa was granted.

If you need to do health checks, Home Affairs will send you a letter with instructions after you lodge your visa application.

## What about Ukrainians who did not accept the offer of a Subclass 786 visa?

If you do not have a Subclass 786 Humanitarian Stay visa, you will not receive an offer of a Resolution of Status visa at this time.

Home Affairs have said they are working on options for Ukrainians on temporary visas who did not accept the offer first offer before 31 July 2022.

RAILS will provide more information when other options are announced.

## Where can I go for more information or legal advice?

You can contact RAILS for free legal advice and assistance.



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