

Ukraine Citizens Working in the UK

The UK Home Office has made the following changes to the temporary visa concessions available to Ukraine citizens.

[Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme](#)

Available to those Ukrainian citizens who have named people in the UK willing to sponsor them.

Applications must be made [online](#) where full guidance on the application process can also be found.

For those who have attended a Visa Application Centre (VAC) and whose application was successful, evidence of right to work in the UK must be provided online via a share code and date of birth.

For those who did not attend a VAC or apply online, a “permission to travel” letter may have been issued to allow travel to the UK. In these circumstances, travel to the UK is valid until 12.01am UK time on 13 February 2025 and where entry has been granted, this will be for a period of 6 months within which time you must apply to provide your biometric information. After the 13 February 2025, permission to travel letters can no longer be used to enter the UK, if you still wish to come to the UK under one of the Ukraine schemes you will need to make a new application under the [Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme](#).

[Prove your right to work to an employer: Using immigration documents.](#)

[Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme \(UPE\)](#)

Available from 4 February 2025 to those who have already been granted permission to stay under the following schemes:

- Ukraine Family Scheme
- Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme (Homes for Ukraine)
- Ukraine Extension Scheme

To be eligible to apply for the Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme (UPE):

- If you don't already have one, you will need to create a UKVI account and have access to your eVisa.
- Ensure you retain your British residence permit (BRP), if you have one, it may be required as part of the application process.
- You cannot apply until 28 days or less before your current permission expires.

You must apply before your current permission expires, or you may lose your current permission to work until a decision is made on your late application.

If your application is successful, your eVisa will be updated to show your new permission. A successful application will allow you to continue working for a further 18 months from the date of the decision. In addition to this, the UK Government has announced on 1 September 2025 that the scheme has been extended for a further 24 months, which will allow successful applicants a maximum of 3 and half year's extension. In order to evidence your continued eligibility to work in the UK you will be required to obtain a share code, which you should provide to your line manager, along with your date of birth.

Full details and further updates can be found at [Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme \(UPE\)](#).

Ukraine Family Scheme

This scheme closed on 19 February 2024 and is no longer available for applications.

Ukraine Extension Scheme

This scheme closed to most new applications on 16 May 2024. It has remained open after the 16 May 2024 for children born in the UK to apply for permission to stay.

Further information can be found at [UK Visa Support for Ukrainian Nationals](#).