

FAQ's – for Ukraine Nationals and Residents of Ukraine

Ireland's support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and for the people of Ukraine displaced by the Russian invasion of their home is unwavering.

This document outlines some of the most frequently asked questions in recent days.

Q 1. I am a Ukrainian National; do I need a Visa to travel to Ireland?

No, you do not need a Visa to travel to Ireland. This is an emergency measure, which will apply to all Ukrainians travelling to Ireland.

If you travel to Ireland without a visa during the period of invasion of the Ukraine you will initially be given a standard 90 day entry permission while appropriate support and protection measures are put in place.

The Department of Foreign Affairs has travel advice at www.dfa.ie/travel for neighbouring countries that people may be planning to travel to, or through.

Q2. Does my non-EEA family member who isn't Ukrainian need a Visa to accompany me to Ireland?

Non-EEA family members, if they are a visa required national, will require a Visa, however an application will be accepted for consideration if submitted from one of the neighbouring countries.

You can access the link here to find out if you require an Irish entry visa

<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Immigration-Service-Delivery-Visa-and-Non-Visa-Required-Countries.pdf>

Q3. I am a visa required national currently resident in Ukraine but I am not a Ukrainian citizen. I have a Ukrainian family member – does the visa waiver apply to me or do I need to apply for an entry visa?

No the visa waiver does not apply and you will need to apply for an entry visa as outlined in the answer to Q2 above.

Q4. I am a visa required national currently resident in Ukraine but I am not a Ukrainian citizen. Does the visa waiver apply to me or do I need to apply for an entry visa?

No the visa waiver does not apply and you will need to apply for an entry visa as outlined in the answer to Q2 above.

Q5. What documentation do I need to travel to Ireland?

All immigration services and airlines must be satisfied as to the identity of a person presenting at a border. In order to facilitate travel for Ukrainian nationals fleeing the conflict zone, a pragmatic and humane approach will be taken while maintaining appropriate immigration and security controls.

Carriers have been asked to accept Government issued identity documents, not usually acceptable for international travel, in lieu of a national passport: including, for example, National ID Cards, Birth Certificates, Internal Passports and expired passports. Immigration Officials are working closely with Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Transport and Air Carriers on these matters. Furthermore, Immigration authorities have requested that boarding is not refused to anyone without first contacting immigration authorities in Ireland.

These are emergency/temporary provisions and will be kept under review.

Q6. Do I need a PCR Test?

If you are fully vaccinated you do not need a PCR Test - see <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/77952-government-advice-on-international-travel/> for more information.

It is currently a requirement for travel to Ireland that an unvaccinated person or persons that have a non-EMA approved vaccination obtain a PCR test prior to travel to the State. However given the current circumstances should this prove impossible for you or your family members to obtain and if that gives rise to any difficulty with your airline please contact Border Management Unit at BMU@justice.ie for assistance.

Q7. What will happen when I reach the Border in Ireland?

When you arrive at the Border you will present (as normal) to an Immigration Officer.

An Immigration Officer will ask you some basic questions in relation to your needs. You should present any identification documentation available. You will be given a 90-day permission to remain in the State and more details on the options available to Ukrainians will be made available on our website www.irishimmigration.ie over the coming days.

Q8. Can I apply for Asylum at the Border?

This option is available to you however; a decision is not required to be made at the Border in that regard.

Ireland is working with EU colleagues on proposals to activate the Temporary Protection Directive, an emergency provision designed to respond quickly and humanely to the mass displacement of Ukrainian people caused by Russian aggression. This will allow entry while appropriate support and protection measures are put in place. Further details on this emergency provision will be made available on our website shortly.

Q9. Where can I get accommodation?

If you are in need of accommodation when you present at the Border, convey this message to the Immigration Officer who will direct you further.