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# MIGRATION UPDATE



## TEMPORARY PROTECTION DIRECTIVE

### **About the Migration Agency**

*In Sweden, the Migration Agency is the authority that considers applications from people who want to live in Sweden, visit or work in the country, seek protection from persecution or be granted Swedish citizenship.*

*The Swedish Migration Agency is commissioned by parliament and government, who set the Swedish asylum and migration policy.*

If you have fled the war in Ukraine, you may be entitled to a residence permit with temporary protection in Sweden under the EU's Temporary Protection Directive.

The directive will give immediate protection and a temporary residence permit with possibility to get help with finding housing. It will include the right to work, the right to seek basic healthcare, the right to schooling for children, and certain financial support in Sweden.

The directive applies to all Ukrainian citizens, long-term residents of Ukraine, or people with protection status in Ukraine. To be covered by the directive, you must have left the country after 24 February 2022.

**From Monday March 21st, refugees applying for protection under the EU's Temporary Protection Directive at Sweden's Migration Agency can do so online.**

However, the biometric data, such as fingerprints and a photograph, which are needed to complement a full application, will be taken at a separate appointment at one of the agency's offices, which applicants will be able to book online. More information [here](#).

**No deportations to Ukraine**

On 24 February, the Swedish Migration Agency decided to cancel all deportations from Sweden to Ukraine. This means that all persons from Ukraine who are in Sweden (e.g. asylum seekers, labour migrants and relatives), but who do not have a residence permit, can stay until further notice. The ban on deportations will remain in effect until the security situation in Ukraine improves significantly.

**Prolonged Processing Times for Permit Applications**

KEY Relocation is part of the Swedish Migration Agency's certificate program. This enables us to offer our clients a fast-track immigration process. However, since the beginning of this year processing times are longer than usual. New applications now take 10-20 days to get approved instead of 10 days and renewals take 20-40 days instead of 20. This is due to an increased number of applications and a shortage of staff. Now, more than ever you need to plan well in advance for your work permit applications.

**Prolonged booking time for biometrics**

Currently, it is also difficult to get bookings for biometrics, some offices are fully booked while others have less pressure. It may be a good advice to check for available time slots in nearby cities.

*Do you have a questions?*

*Don't hesitate to contact us. Call +46 (0)31-405966 or send us an email: [info@keyrelocation.se](mailto:info@keyrelocation.se)*



*We are here to help. Navigating an immigration process with all that it takes to bring talents to their new assignments on time is difficult.*

*Behind every number  
is a human being...*

## **Questions and answers:**

### **- What rules apply if you want to employ someone from Ukraine?**

To have the right to work in Sweden, Ukrainian citizens need to register with the Swedish Migration Agency and present a valid biometric passport. A decision on residence and work permit will be made by the Swedish Migration Agency.

A Ukrainian citizen who has been granted a residence permit under the Temporary Protection Directive can apply for a Swedish coordination number (samordningsnummer). Authorities in Sweden may request the allocation of coordination numbers. If no authority has done so, the individual can apply for a coordination number himself. More information can be found on the Swedish Tax Agency's website

### **- Time for a permit granted under the Directive**

Until 4 March 2023, i.e. 1 year from when the directive was activated.

### **- Can I work from day 1?**

You must first register with the Swedish Migration Agency. You can then start working once you have been granted a residence permit.

### **- Will it be possible to register for a personal id number? (folkbokföra sig?)**

No, individuals who have received temporary protection under the Temporary Protection Directive are not registered and thus are not entitled to a social security number.

### **- How can I prove that I have the right to work in Sweden?**

If you have been granted a permit in accordance with the Temporary Protection Directive you will receive a residence permit card (UT card). The UT card states that you have been granted a residence permit for temporary protection, and that you are covered by the LMA regulations (Reception of Asylum Seekers Act) and have the right to work.