

Post Visa Application Process

Moseley for Ukraine



Post Visa Application Submission



Once you / your refugee have submitted the visa application, you will have to wait for a formal decision from the Home Office
These can take several weeks.

If you have any queries regarding your application, we ask you to contact the UK Gov Helpline Number: 0808 164 8810

Please ensure that you stay in contact with your refugee family / Individual and continue to get to know each other / update each other.

Birmingham City Council (Or your relevant authority) will be in touch with you to arrange the following next steps.

1. Home check: A council employee will come to visit the room/ property that you are offering to your refugee individual / family and assess it's suitability. The check is pretty routine and checks basic requirements such as: Size of room / Property offered, up to date gas certificates, Home insurance, functioning fire alarm etc
2. DBS Check: All hosts have to undergo a DBS check or an enhanced DBS checks if the refugee involves a minor. You will have to submit an online questionnaire and provide proof of identity at a meeting and await the feedback of the DBS check. The results of the DBS check can take multiple weeks.

Neither of these will slow down the Visa application however a negative outcome on either may impact your ability to host.

Once the Visa is Issued



Once the visa(s) for your refugee family/ Individual are issued, you and your refugee family/ individual can make travel arrangements

The Home office will issue a visa to those who applied via a Vsa Application Centre **OR** a Permission to travel letter to those who hold an International Ukranian Passport.

If you are hosting multiple people: Please ensure that all members of your group have received the Visa as every individual needs to have received their visa (also minors)

The Visa allows the refugee to enter the **UK within 90 days of the Visa having been issued**

Depending on each individual set of circumstances travel arrangements and requirements may differ and we kindly ask if possilbe to help your family / individual with any arrangements that need to be made

Currently Trains across Europe (Poland, Germany, France etc) are free for Ukrainian refugees.

Eurostar offers free transport to the UK: <https://www.railway-technology.com/news/industry-news/eurostar-offers-free-travel-to-ukraine-nationals/>

UK trains / buses (national rail) are also free for 48 hours from the date of entry:

<https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/ukrainian-free-travel>

<https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/ukr-travel.aspx>

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Some airlines offer reduced rates for Ukrainian refugees so please „shop“ around. We will try to stay abreast of offers but can not guarantee to know all the best travel routes to match each refugee.

Some Refugees will travel with pets, please familiarise yourself with the entry requirements for pets. We can support in specific instances:

<https://www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain>

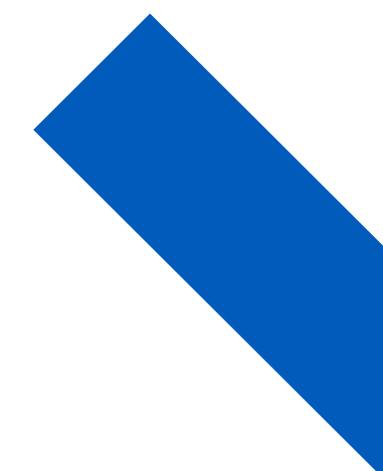
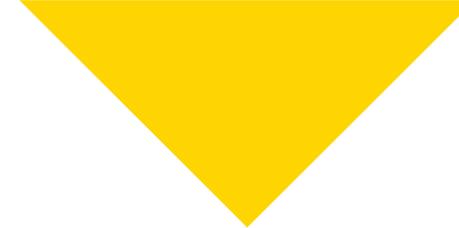
<https://www.pbspettravel.co.uk/blog/bringing-pets-to-the-uk-from-ukraine>

At entry to the UK, the Ukrainain Refugee will have their documents stamped by UK immigration which will give them a 6-month Visa in the UK.

If the Ukrainian family/ Individual enters on a Ukrainian International Passport, they will need to attend an appointment to have their biometric data taken to have their Visa Extended to the full 3years: <https://apply.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/product/ukraine-scheme-brp>

UK Post Offices that can provide Biometric Residence Permits <https://www.postoffice.co.uk/identity/biometric-residence-permits-secure-card-collection>

If the Ukrainian family/ Individual has previously attended an appointment at a Visa Application Centre they will not need to attend a further appointment.



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