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Ukrainians in Canada: Special Immigration Measures and Supports for Temporary Residents

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What you can expect today

Lunch and Learn Series

1 hour in total (presentation and Q+A)

This is legal information, not legal advice.

The information is current as of today's date June 23, 2022

Recording and slides will be sent out afterward.

Subtitles (closed captioning) has been enabled.

Land Acknowledgement

CLEO's work takes place across the home and traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wyandot peoples, on land that many of us know as Ontario. We encourage you to take the time to understand more about the land *you* live and work on.

As we provide legal information today, we acknowledge the ongoing impact of colonization and anti-Indigenous racism, built into our laws and legal systems, resulting in devastating pain and inequality for Indigenous Peoples of every generation.

We also recognize the incredible amount of work that Indigenous Peoples contributed to the [Calls to Action in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#) report calling for Equity for Indigenous Peoples in the Legal System.



Question:

What is the Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) and what makes it unique compared to a regular visitor visa?

Question:

Who is arriving in Canada on CUAET?

When Ukrainians traveling on CUAET arrive at the border, what immigration status are they given?

Question:

Do individuals arriving through CUAET automatically receive a three-year open work permit?

If a Ukrainian arriving on CUAET does not receive their open work permit on arrival at the border, how do they obtain a three-year open work permit?



Question:

How can Ukrainians arriving in Canada remove the medical restrictions on their open work permit?

Question:

Do individuals arriving through CUAET automatically receive a study permit?

Question:

If a Ukrainian already in Canada needs to change or extend their immigration status, do they use the IRCC online CUAET portal to do so?

Question:

If a Ukrainian arrives in Canada on a visitor visa they obtained before the war started, rather than on CUAET, how do they extend their stay in Canada beyond the standard six months permitted for a visitor?



Question:

How does a Ukrainian student who is already in Canada extend their stay?

Question:

How does a Ukrainian worker already in Canada obtain an additional three-year open work permit?

Question:

What does a Ukrainian in Canada do if they arrived on a visitor visa that is expiring soon and they want to be able to leave and re-enter Canada like Ukrainians who arrived through CUAET?

Question:

If a Ukrainian in Canada is a failed refugee claimant or is undocumented, do they qualify for the CUAET visitor visa and three-year open work permit?



Question:

Is Canada still deporting people to Ukraine?

Question:

Does a special pathway to permanent residence exist for Ukrainians arriving on CUAET or already in Canada?



Question:

Is there a special program for Ukrainians in Canada to sponsor family members like parents and siblings?

Live Q+A

Questions?

Question:

Are refugee claims from Ukrainians being prioritized by the Immigration and Refugee Board?

Should Ukrainians who arrive in Canada on CUAET make a refugee claim?

Question:

Is it possible to withdraw a refugee claim in progress and to submit an application under the CUAET program instead?

What is the best way to contact IRCC regarding Ukrainian cases?

Question:

Is the federal government providing any financial support directly to Ukrainian families?

Question:

How does a Ukrainian obtain federal temporary financial support if they do not have a visitor record, work permit or study permit with the required CUAET notation?

Question:

Do Ukrainians arriving through the CUAET qualify for Ontario Works (social assistance)?

Is the province of Ontario providing any emergency financial support to Ukrainians?



Question:

Do Ukrainians have to obtain a social insurance number in order to receive federal or provincial financial assistance?



Question:

Do Ukrainians arriving as temporary residents through CUAET qualify for the Ontario Health Insurance Program?



Question:

Do Ukrainian children qualify to attend primary and secondary school in Ontario without a study permit even if they are technically visitors?

Live Q+A

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Resources and supports:

CLEO's On the Radar: [programs and support](#) available to Ukrainian temporary residents.
[CLEO's Guided Pathway](#) for an open Work Permit
CLEO's Steps to Justice [Refugee Law](#) and [Immigration Law](#)

Connecting Ottawa – Tip sheet

[Financial Assistance for Ukrainian Families \(June 6, 2022\)](#)

National Newcomer Navigation Network

Resources for health and settlement professionals working with Ukrainian newcomers to Canada -
[Ukrainian Refugee Toolkit](#)

Among New Friends

Settlement Support for LGBTQ+ Newcomers from Ukraine. Services and supports will be offered in Ukrainian and English by appointment. To register, email NewToCanada@The519.org

OCASI has current information for Ukrainians and those looking to support them in Ontario. Find it here [Supporting Displaced Ukrainians](#) and [Settlement.Org](#)

[WES Gateway Program](#) assesses the educational credentials of individuals who have been displaced as a result of adverse circumstances in their country and have limited proof of academic achievements.



Resources and supports:

Government of Canada:

[Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel \(CUAET\)](#) pathway.

[Ukraine immigration measures: Financial assistance - Canada.ca](#)

The [Immigration and Refugee Board \(IRB\)](#) has stated there will be a prioritizing of pending Ukrainian files.

The [Canada Border Services Agency \(CBSA\)](#) has an [Administrative Deferral of Removals \(ADR\)](#) in place for Ukraine.

Ontario Government, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services:
[Coming to Ontario from Ukraine](#) (with translations in Ukrainian and Russian)

Resources and supports:

Find your Community Legal Clinic

<https://www.legalaid.on.ca/legal-clinics/>

Canadian Bar Association pro bono initiative providing free consultations to Ukrainians: [For the public: Crisis in Ukraine](#)

[CUAET video course](#) to assist those applying from outside Canada

[Written guide](#) to applying for the CUAET and open work permit from abroad



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Debbie Rachlis, lawyer at HIV & Aids Legal Clinic
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