

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Canada

### Extension of Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel program

#### Executive summary

On 22 March 2023, Immigration Minister Sean Fraser announced the extension of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) and other related measures for Ukrainians and non-Ukrainian immediate family members impacted by the Russia-Ukraine war.

#### Key developments

In March 2022, Canada announced the CUAET program in support of Ukrainians and their non-Ukrainian immediate family members who were impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The CUAET measures offer Ukrainians and their family members extended temporary status, permitting them to work, study, and stay in Canada for up to three years.

Temporary residents who travel to or extend their stay in Canada through the CUAET measures may be eligible to apply for permanent residence, should they decide to remain in Canada at the end of their temporary stay.

#### Key Development

The Government of Canada has extended the CUAET temporary measures as follows:

- ▶ Eligible applicants who are outside of Canada will have until 15 July 2023 to apply for a fee-exempt visa under CUAET
- ▶ Current CUAET visa-holders who are outside of Canada will have until 31 March 2024 to travel to Canada under the special measures
- ▶ Eligible temporary residents in Canada will have until 31 March 2024 to apply for a fee-exempt change or extension

of their temporary status in Canada under the special measures

- ▶ Eligible temporary residents in Canada will have until 31 March 2025 to benefit from settlement services available under the special measures

Minister Fraser did not say whether the Government of Canada would extend the CUAET program if the war continues beyond 15 July 2023. He stated that the government would continue to monitor the situation.

#### Impact on employers

Ukrainians and their family members impacted by the Russia-Ukraine war may continue to seek temporary residence and authorization to work and study in Canada.

Pursuant to the CUAET program extension, impacted individuals will have until the end of March 2024 to extend their work permit. Employers should encourage impacted employees to avail themselves of this opportunity to extend their work permit under the CUAET measures to help avoid business disruptions.

#### Key steps

Should you have any questions with respect to these extended measures, please do not hesitate to contact your EY Law LLP professional.



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