

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Poland

Extension of authorized period of stay for Ukrainian nationals

Executive summary

On 12 June 2023, a new law was published, which extended the authorized period of stay in Poland for Ukrainian nationals who hold temporary protection status issued by Poland or a qualifying document.

Key developments

The new law, which goes into effect on 27 June 2023, will automatically extend the period of permitted stay in Poland until 4 March 2024 for Ukrainian nationals who:

- ▶ Hold temporary protection status issued by Poland, which was previously set to expire on 24 August 2023.
- ▶ Hold Polish permits, visas or other authorization documents (e.g., national visas, temporary residence permits, residence cards, Schengen Visas issued by Poland) with an expiry date between 24 February 2022 and 4 March 2024.
- ▶ Hold documents issued by other EU or Schengen Member States (e.g., residence permits, Schengen Visas) with an expiry date between 24 February 2022 and 4 March 2024. These individuals may not be able to travel to other EU Member States using these permits or visas if the documents have expired.

The following categories of Ukrainian nationals will automatically be eligible to continue residing in Poland until 31 August 2024:

- ▶ Children aged 18 or below who are in primary or secondary school in Poland as of 4 March 2024, and their parents or guardians
- ▶ Individuals older than 18 who are in high school or "school for adults" as of 4 March 2024

- ▶ Individuals who are attending Ukrainian kindergarten, primary or high school remotely from within Poland as of 4 March 2024 (and their parents or guardians if they are 18 or younger)

In addition, Ukrainian nationals who are expected to appear for the matriculation exam in calendar year 2024 but are required to appear for a re-examination, as well as their parents (if they are 18 or younger), will automatically be eligible to continue residing in Poland until 30 September 2024.

Impact on employers

This extension is expected to benefit employers that hire impacted Ukrainian nationals, as well as other Ukrainian nationals and their family members.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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