

Mobility: Immigration alert

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Sweden

Sweden extends the Temporary Protection Directive for Ukrainian nationals and residents until March 2025

Executive summary

On 2 October 2023, the Swedish government announced that it will extend the period of lawful residence status for eligible Ukrainian nationals and residents under the Temporary Protection Directive (TPD) until March 2025.

Background

In March 2022, the Swedish government implemented the TPD for Ukrainian nationals and residents who arrived in the country from Ukraine on or after 30 October 2021. Under the TPD, these individuals were eligible to obtain Swedish temporary residence permits if they sought to stay in Sweden for 90 days or more, provided they had valid identity documents (e.g., passports or other authorized documents) and met other relevant criteria. Residence permits issued under the TPD were originally valid until 4 March 2023, and permit holders were eligible to apply for extensions until [4 March 2024](#).

Key developments

The Swedish government recently announced that permit holders will be able to apply to extend their permits until March 2025, in line with the [European Commission's proposal](#).

The Migration Agency has not yet provided details regarding how individuals can apply to extend their residence status under the TPD. However, it is expected that impacted Ukrainian nationals and residents will be able to apply to extend their permits online (on the portal of the Swedish Migration Agency) prior to 4 March 2024 using an email address only (i.e., without a Mobile BankID).

Impacted individuals who hold permits under the TPD but do not apply to extend them on or before 4 March 2024 may lose their authorization to work and reside in Sweden.

Impact on employers

Employers may communicate with impacted employees to ensure that extension applications are submitted prior to 4 March 2024 to avoid the possibility of these individuals losing their ability to work lawfully in Sweden.

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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