

# Mobility: Immigration alert

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## Sweden

### Ukrainian citizens now eligible to apply to extend their status under the Temporary Protection Directive

#### Executive summary

Effective 1 February 2023, the Swedish authorities are accepting applications from eligible Ukrainian citizens to extend their immigration status in Sweden pursuant to the Temporary Protection Directive (“the Directive”). The deadline for submitting extension applications is 4 March 2023.

#### Background

In March 2022, the Swedish government implemented the Directive for Ukrainian citizens and residents (who received residence authorization under international protection guidelines) who arrived in the country from Ukraine on or after 30 October 2021. Under the Directive, 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](#). Permits issued under the Directive are valid until 4 March 2023, and holders are not eligible to switch to any other category of work or residence permits within Sweden.

#### Key developments

The Swedish authorities are now accepting applications to extend TRPs issued pursuant to the Directive. Successful applicants will receive an extension until 4 March 2024.

Impacted Ukrainian residents and nationals who already hold these TRPs can apply [online](#) on the portal of the Swedish Migration Agency to extend their existing permits. They may apply using an email address only (i.e., without a Mobile BankID). Applicants must book an appointment with the Swedish Migration

Agency to submit their biometrics and get their photographs taken sometime between 6 February 2023 and 5 May 2023.

Impacted Ukrainian residents and nationals who hold permits under the Directive but do not apply to extend them on or before 4 March 2023 may lose their authorization to work in Sweden. If they apply to extend their permits after 4 March 2023, their application will be processed according to the Swedish authorities’ standard application process for asylum seekers.

#### Impact on employers

Employers may communicate with impacted employees to ensure that extension applications are submitted prior to 4 March 2023 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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