

## Residence opportunities for non-Ukrainians with a regular previous stay in Ukraine

Most nationalities need a national visa before entering Germany. Thus, as an exception, citizens from outside of Europe with regular prior residence in Ukraine do not need a visa to enter Germany. They can stay in Germany without a visa until 31.08.2022. If they wish to remain in Germany, they must apply for a residence permit for the period thereafter by 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2022. The Foreigners' Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) at your current place of residence is responsible.

**The following residence permits are possible if the special requirements are met:**

### §24 Residence Act (temporary protection):

- you had a residency in Ukraine (not only for a short time) and
- your home country does not offer protection or is not considered safe.

**In the context of educational migration:** (see the supplementary sheet on educational migration)

- Residency for the purpose of education/vocational training (§16a Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of studying (§16b Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of attending a language course (§16f Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of seeking a vocational training or university (§17 Residence Act)

**In the context of labour migration:** (please note the supplementary sheet on labour migration)

- Residency for an employment as a skilled worker (academic or with vocational training) (§18 Residence Act) <sup>1</sup>
- Residency for the purpose of seeking employment (§20 Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of qualification in the context of professional recognition (§16d Residence Act)
- Residency for special employment purposes or voluntary services (§19c Residence Act)
- Residency for the purpose of freelance work (§20 (5) Residence Act)

For all types of residence, **subsistence** must be ensured without the need to receive public benefits. This applies in particular to residence for the purpose of studying/training, language acquisition. As a rule, you are only allowed to work on the side to a limited extent. Often you also need a certain language level.

If the requirements for these residence titles are not met, one can apply for asylum. Consequences: Applicants are obliged to live in a certain place in an initial reception centre. Access to the labour market is severely restricted.



A change to another residence title (e.g. study or employment) is no longer possible once an asylum application has been filed. This also applies if an asylum application that has been filed is withdrawn.

<sup>1</sup> a vocational or academic qualification that is recognised in Germany is required for labour migration. Exceptions are possible, e.g., for IT specialists, professional drivers, chefs and other occupations as well as for nationals of certain states.

## Advice and contacts

The Foreigners' Registration Office (Ausländerbehörde) at your current place of residence is responsible for questions regarding possible residence titles.  
 Counselling by a migration counselling centre or an asylum counselling centre is possible.

### Questions about the recognition of professional qualifications:

IBAS offers counselling on the recognition of foreign vocational and academic qualifications and provides information on procedures, documents and the responsible authorities.  
 Counselling is free of charge and confidential. Please send an e-mail to [anerkennung@exis.de](mailto:anerkennung@exis.de).



### Employment of non-European nationals with prior residence in Ukraine:

If companies have employed or wish to employ non-European nationals with prior residence in Ukraine, the information centre on immigration (FIZU) in Dresden, Leipzig or Chemnitz can provide advice. FIZU provides advice on all topics related to immigration and the labour market, such as residence, work permits, recognition, qualification, financing, diversity and integration. Advice is available by phone, email, in person and online.

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