

# FACT SHEET FOR HUNGARY

## Which border crossings may be used to enter Hungary from Ukraine?

The following border crossings may be used to enter Hungary from Ukraine:

- BARABÁS - KOSON'
- BEREKSURÁNY – ACTEŇ
- LÓNYA – DZVINKOVE
- TISZABECS – VILOK
- ZÁHONY – ČOP

The opening hours of all Ukrainian-Hungarian border crossing points have been extended 0-24 and crossing is continuous. The border crossing points and the corresponding waiting times can be found on [Information on general rules of border crossing | A Magyar Rendőrség hivatalos honlapja \(police.hu\)](https://www.police.hu/hivatalos-honlapja) under “Border Information”.

According to Government Communication, “helping points” will soon start to operate at the border crossing points, where people fleeing from the war to Hungary may receive additional help and information and where government officials will assist in administration matters.

## Under what conditions are Ukrainian people allowed to enter Hungary?

As a general rule, Ukrainian people are allowed to enter with a **valid biometric passport**. In the light of the present exceptional crisis, entry of Ukrainian people fleeing the war may also be **allowed in the absence of a biometric passport**, or in the absence of travel documents, after an individual assessment of any documents identifying the person (e.g. Ukrainian ID card). Upon entering the Schengen area (e.g. via Slovakia), the general rules shall apply, meaning that the lack of a biometric passport shall not bar the movement of these people to Hungary and within the territory of Hungary.

The Hungarian government passed a decree that entered into force on 24 February (Government decree no. 56/2022 (II.24.)), pursuant to which all Ukrainian nationals and other third country nationals lawfully residing in Ukraine who enter Hungary from the territories of Ukraine shall be entitled to **temporary protection due to an armed conflict** occurring in their home country. This decree shall remain in force until the end of the state of emergency (**currently until 1 June 2022**) but the validity may easily be extended or shortened in case the armed conflict terminates.

**This involves that they do not need a visa or a vaccination certificate to enter.**

Applications for the temporary protection (in Hungarian: “menedékes”) may be submitted personally at any of the collection points (0-24) or at any customer service office of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing.

## How long may Ukrainian people stay in Hungary without any specific permit?

According to regulation 2018/1806 of the European Union Ukrainian citizens entering the country with a biometric passport may **stay in Hungary without a visa for a maximum period of 90 days (within any 180-day rolling period)**.

## Is there any way to stay longer?

Yes, there is: according to a newly introduced government decree Ukrainian people and other third country nationals lawfully residing in Ukraine can **apply for temporary protection (i.e. sheltered status) in order to stay in Hungary**. This decree remains in force until the end of the state of emergency in Hungary (currently until 1 June 2022) but it may be extended or shortened subject to the status of the armed conflict.

**The procedure for obtaining the temporary protection takes up to 30-45 days.**

**In case this temporary protection was to cease or the 90 day limit for the visa-free stay was exhausted, Ukrainians would only be able to stay in Hungary if they applied for a visa.**

## Are there any special transportation means available?

The Hungarian State Railways Zrt. (MÁV Zrt.) has introduced the “**solidarity ticket**” with which anyone – regardless of their nationality – who arrives from Ukraine may travel free of charge within the territory of Hungary. **The ticket is only available at Záhony station or on trains departing from Záhony**. Information on the timetables for trains in Hungary can be found here: <https://jegy.mav.hu/> (also available in English)

Local volunteers also take part in providing free shuttle services for Ukrainian people entering Hungary.

A valid motorway ticket is required to use Hungarian highways. E-tickets may be purchased online via the following link: <https://e-autopalyamatrica.hu/en/kosar>

## Are accommodation and health care provided?

In accordance with the applicable law, if a Ukrainian refugee applies for the sheltered status on the grounds of temporary protection, he/she will be provided with accommodation, food, primary health care as well as urgent medical care at the reception center or (in case of private accommodation) by a health care provider responsible for the area.

Ukrainians will be accommodated at the reception center during the application procedure. By obtaining the temporary protection, they are entitled to accommodation, health care, financial support, and education in a reception center for the entire duration of the above-mentioned period. Ukrainians who stay either with friends, family members or in accommodation facilities

offered by other individuals are of course not obliged to stay at the centre; however, they receive less financial support.

There are many individuals and organisations in Hungary that have voluntarily offered accommodation all over the country; locations and contact details can be found on the following link: <https://spabook.net/blog/blog-hu/menekult-szallashely-ingyen-felajanasok-gyujtopontok/>.

Szallas.hu has offered to contact their accommodation providers and connect them with Ukrainian refugees who need help so that the most suitable accommodation could quickly be arranged for them (Their customer service is available on +36-30/344-2000 or by e-mail at [szallas@szallas.hu](mailto:szallas@szallas.hu)).

Finally, with Ingatlan.com there is a possibility to rent a property. Ingatlan.com have contacted their advertisers to write "UKRAINE" (in Hungarian: UKRAJNA) in the text of the advertisement to help the people in need to find their accommodation. Check the following online portal for more information on the available accommodations: <https://ingatlan.com/szukites/elado+kiado+lakas+haz+k:ukrajna>

## **Under what conditions may Ukrainian people work in Hungary?**

The employment of non-Hungarians in Hungary is subject to a work permit issued by the Hungarian authorities. The Hungarian employer must submit an application to the Government Office for the permit. This procedure is normally completed within 60 days. No special measures on the part of the employee must be undertaken. It must be pointed out, that regardless of sheltered status, this work permit requirement applies for workers from third countries. More information can be found at: [Kormányablak - Feladatkörök - Munkavállalási engedély iránti kérelem harmadik országbeli állampolgárok részére \(kormanyablak.hu\)](http://kormanyablak.hu/feladatkorok/munkavallalasi-engedely-iranti-kerelem-harmadik-oroszqbeli-allampolgarok-rezsera).

There is no need for a work permit for certain occupations in shortage, such as software developer, chemical engineer, civil engineer, architect, locksmith, carpenter, or waiter.

During the sheltered status, people may also work at the premises of the shelter itself, in which case no work permit is required.

Ukrainians may also work remotely for a company based in Ukraine without any specific permit

## **Where to look for a job?**

Widely known online portals for people searching for jobs in Hungary are: [www.profession.hu](http://www.profession.hu), [www.cvonline.hu](http://www.cvonline.hu), [www.jobinfo.hu](http://www.jobinfo.hu).

## **What is the amount of the minimum salary in Hungary?**

Depending on the level of education, the following two minimum wages apply:

The lowest compulsory amount of the basic wage for full-time employees (minimum wage) is HUF 200.000 (cca. EUR 539). In case of full-time employees hired for jobs requiring at least secondary school education or secondary vocational qualification, the guaranteed minimum wage is HUF 260.000 (cca. EUR 700).

## **What about foreign diploma or other professional qualification?**

Hungary recognises Ukrainian diplomas and degrees without restrictions. The bilateral agreement between Hungary and Ukraine providing for mutual recognition of diplomas and degrees was introduced in Hungary by Act of CIX of 2021.

## **Are there any special rules on education?**

In accordance with the Agreement on mutual recognition of educational documents between Hungary and Ukraine, studies in Ukrainian educational state institutions are recognised by Hungary and students are given the opportunity to continue their studies in the next grade/year (if they meet the requirements), including students who have completed their studies in elementary school. Certificates issued in Ukraine proving the completion of both the primary and the general secondary education, as well as technical, vocational education are considered equivalent and entitle students to continue their studies at a higher level or to apply for vocational training programmes in Hungary. During the temporary protection status, Ukrainians are also entitled for primary and secondary education. However, the organisation and practical application of the continuation of studies are still under preparation; no information has yet been released by the government or Hungarian educational institutions on this matter.

Important links:

<https://helsinki.hu/en/information-for-people-fleeing-from-ukraine/>

<https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/news/hungary-to-provide-financial-support-to-employers-giving-jobs-to-refugees-coming-from-ukraine/>

<https://help.unhcr.org/hungary/>

## **Links to useful websites**

- [Official website of the Hungarian Government](#)
- [Official website of the Office of Immigration and Nationality](#)
- [Website to check train schedules](#)
- [Guide issued by the Hungarian Helsinki Committee \(available in English\)](#)
- [Website of the Ukrainian National Local Government](#)
- [Website of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta](#)

- [Website of the Hungarian Interchurch Aid](#)
- [Information on how to seek asylum in Hungary](#)