

Documents of the Ukrainian citizens in Poland

Your status in Poland:

- Don't be afraid if you hear that the law will change in Poland. The Polish government emphasizes that all the people, who are leaving Ukraine and who are seeking refuge, do not have to worry about the legality of their stay. The future changes of the law will allow you to continue your lawful stay, give you the possibility of getting a job and simplify the procedures.
- Do not rush to apply for a refugee status, new solutions prepared for the guests from Ukraine will be more convenient for you.

You (adults):

If you crossed the Polish border with a Ukrainian biometric passport or an internal passport:

- No need to do anything. You can continue proving your identity by showing the document from Ukraine.

If you didn't have a valid document and you received a permission from a border guard of the Republic of Poland to cross the border:

- It is necessary to visit the Consulate of Ukraine in Poland:
- to extend the validity of your invalid passport;
- or to get a certificate with your photo that will confirm your identity and the citizenship of Ukraine. The certificate will serve as a proof of identify as regards the Polish institutions but will not give you the right to cross the border.

Ukrainian diplomatic posts in the Republic of Poland:

1. Consular department of the Embassy of Ukraine in the Republic of Poland in Warsaw (al. Szucha 7, +48226213979);
2. Consulate of Ukraine in Gdansk (ul. Chrzanowskiego 60A, +48583460690);
3. General Consulate of Ukraine in Cracow (al. Bieliny-Prażmowskiego 4, +48124296066);
4. General Consulate of Ukraine in Lublin (ul. 3 Maja 14, tel.: +48815318889).

CAUTION: If, when crossing the border, you did not apply to the border guard of the Republic of Poland for a permission to cross the border and you do not have got any documents:

- as soon as possible go to the nearest station of the Polish Border Guards to submit such an application. The Border Guards chief will then issue a permission valid for 15 days. During this period, you should apply to the voivodship office of your place of residence for a temporary or permanent residence permit.
- go to one of the diplomatic posts of Ukraine in Poland, where you will receive a certificate with your photo.

The list of the Polish Border Guards stations can be found here: <https://strazgraniczna.pl/pl/cudzoziemcy/sprawy-zwiazane-z-pobytem/685.Wykaz-jednostek-organizacyjnych-Strazy-Granicznej-wraz-z-zasięgiem-terytorialnym.html>

In Warsaw, the Office for Foreigners of Mazovian voivodship is located here:

Marszałkowska 3/5. Access this site for more information:

<https://www.gov.pl/web/uw-mazowiecki/kontakt-wsc>

Your child:

Minors in Poland are not required to have an ID. If you have your passport on you:

- contact one of the diplomatic posts of Ukraine in Poland, where they will put down the personal details of your child (under the age of 18) together with their photograph into your passport.
- Our recommendation:
- arrival in Poland comes with high stress for your child. Write down your and their personal details (don't forget the telephone number and the e-mail address) on a piece of paper and put it in a lockable pocket of their jacket or their backpack. If your child is lost, the police will be able to contact you immediately!

Driver's license:

Citizens of Ukraine can drive on the territory of Poland with a Ukrainian driver's license for six months from the date of their arrival in Poland.

When the six months period has lapsed:

- you are obliged to exchange the Ukrainian driver's license for a Polish one;
- apply and pay for it at the city council. No need to retake the exam in Poland!

Pets:

If your pets (dogs, cats, or polecats) have been microchipped and you have a proof of rabies vaccination:

- no need to do anything.

If you were allowed to bring in your pet in spite of the fact that these conditions were not met:

- ensure now that the steps are taken which would normally be mandatory to enter Poland. Contact the District Veterinary Inspectorate - they will determine which veterinarians offer free microchipping, vaccinations and issue a pet passport at one go.

The Veterinary Inspectorate in Warsaw has already prepared a list of veterinarians who can be contacted:

<https://www.wawa.piw.gov.pl/2022/03/08/wykaz-lekarzy-weterynarii-wyznaczonych-z-art-16-ust-1-pkt-1a-ustawy-z-dnia-29-stycznia-204r-o-inspekcji-weterynaryjnej/>

In case of other cities, the right District Inspectorate can be found here: <https://www.wetgiw.gov.pl/inspekcja-weterynaryjna/jednostki-terenowe>

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