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AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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The Government of Canada Extends the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET)

Canada continues to support Ukrainians who have been compelled to flee Ukraine due to Russian President Vladimir Putin's 2022 invasion of the country. This includes assisting people to find a temporary safe place to stay within Canada, as well as providing them with the supports they need.

The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship announced on March 22, 2023 that the Government of Canada will extend the [Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel](#) (CUAET). The extension means that:

- Ukrainians and their family members will have until July 15, 2023, to apply overseas for a CUAET visa free of charge;
- Anyone holding a CUAET visa will have until March 31, 2024, to travel to Canada under the special measures; and
- CUAET holders who are already here in Canada will have until March 31, 2024, to extend or adjust their temporary status through these measures, free of charge

Upon their arrival to Canada, Ukrainian CUAET visa holders and their family members will have access to settlement services to enable them to integrate fully into Canadian communities during their stay. In addition, they will continue to receive the [one-time transitional financial support](#), and they can access emergency accommodations for up to two weeks, if required.

[New end dates for temporary measures available to Ukrainians and their family members are the following:](#)

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| July 15, 2023 | Last day to apply for CUAET from overseas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible applicants who are outside Canada have until July 15, 2023, to apply for a visa under CUAET• Application fees will continue to be waived |
| March 31, 2024 | Last day to extend or change your temporary status in Canada under CUAET <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those in Canada with a visa under CUAET have until March 31, 2024, to apply to extend or change their |

temporary status in Canada through the special measures

- Application fees will continue to be waived

Last day to travel to Canada with a visa issued under CUAET

- Those with a visa under CUAET have until March 31, 2024, to travel to Canada under the special measures

March 31, 2025

Last day for Ukrainians and their family members, who are in Canada temporarily, to benefit from settlement services

- Settlement services that are normally reserved for permanent residents of Canada will continue to be available to all Ukrainians and their family members until March 31, 2025

The Canadian government launched the CUAET on March 17, 2022, enabling **Ukrainians and their immediate family members of any nationality** to stay in Canada as temporary residents for a duration of up to 3 years. Additionally, they are eligible to obtain a free open work permit or study permit, which enables them to work for almost any Canadian employer or enroll in an educational program in Canada. **More than 130,000 Ukrainians arrived in Canada under CUAET since March 2022, and more than 600,000 CUAET visa applications have been approved.**



Afghans who have arrived in Canada since August 2021 as of March 2023:

29,010



Ukrainian nationals who have arrived in Canada since January 2022 as of February 2023:

190,970

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#), [Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

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[Survey](#)



AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network is an initiative to strengthen community capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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