Brief information on the immigration of Ukrainian refugees in Germany

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1. How to apply for refugee status (Residence permit: § 24 AufenthG)?
1a. Who can apply?

- Ukrainian nationals residing in Ukraine before 24 February 2022 (includes people who went aboard for work e.g. without giving up the residence),

- stateless persons and nationals of third countries other than Ukraine, who benefited from international protection or equivalent national protection in Ukraine before 24th February 2022,

- other people residing in Ukraine before 24th February 2022,

- family members of the above mentioned
  - Spouses
  - registered partners
  - children
  - others living in the household and being physically or financially dependent.

- Not: Ukrainian nationals residing already in a EU member state
1b. Where to apply?

- Steps (without accommodation):
  - First registration at the arrival
  - Distribution to a place of residence
  - Registration at the registration office; often in the city administration e.g. Bürgeramt Hannover
  - Application for a residence permit at the Foreigners’ Registration Office e.g. Ausländerbehörde Hannover

- Steps (with accommodation):
  - Moving directly to the accommodation
  - Registration at the registration office
  - Application for a residence permit
1c. What is needed to apply?

- Documents, which provide Ukrainian citizenship, e.g.
  - ID-Card
  - passport
  - tax documents
  - bank documents
1d. When should one apply?

- Visa free stay for Ukrainian nationals and above mentioned people till 31.08.2022;

- If you already have an accommodation and sufficient financial resources, you do not have to apply immediately.
1e. Consequences of the § 24 permit

- 2 years of stay, 3 years if the war continues
- Work permit
- financial support
1f. Should one apply for asylum?

- No work permit
- placement in collective housing
- no control over distribution
2. Is there legal aid?
• Legal help requires an application at the relevant court.
• Lawyers can help you with filling the relevant forms.
• Assistance is also provided by the local migration counseling centre (BAMF provides lists of organizations, which offer legal help - link attached below).

• Helpful links* (liability excluded for mentioned links in this presentation):
  • https://handbookgermany.de/de/ukraine-info/de.html (general legal informations)
  • https://www.germany4ukraine.de/hilfeportal-ua
3. Other immigration rules?
3a. Family reunion

- People listed in the answer to 1a have an own right to residence permit, so the regular procedure of the family reunion is not applicable;

- in other cases family members can seek consultation at German foreign representative offices in neighboring countries of Ukraine.
3b. Rules for work permits/working as a lawyer

- While applying for the residence permit, above mentioned people get automatically a permission to work in Germany (point this out in the application, some agencies do not include that in the application)

- If you want to work as a lawyer you have the following options:
  
  - Working as a „Rechtsdienstleister“ - legal service provider for foreign law (additional requirements)
  
  - Working as a lawyer in the legal department of companies
  
  - Working as an attorney is only possible, if you studied in the EU/Norway/Suisse/Liechtenstein/Iceland (additional requirements) and complete 2 years of the german legal clerkship.
4. Rules for unaccompanied minors/support
Unaccompanied minors have special protection by law:

- They can ask for help at any official as policemen or other public authorities, they will get accompanied to the next youth welfare office;
- decisions in proceedings are made faster,
- special conditions in accommodation and healthcare.
- They have to be registered immediately.

Useful links:

- [https://jugendnotmail.de](https://jugendnotmail.de) (24/7 online consultation for minors)
5. Is there different treatment for new arrivals and those Ukrainians who have been living in your country already
• In general there is no different treatment for new arrivals.

• e.g. Ukrainian citizens who applied for a residence permit before the 24th February 2022 and also have been living here, are also allowed to stay till the end of the war.
Thank you for your attention!

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