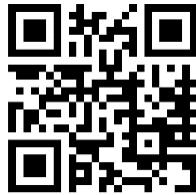


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- Important information for refugees from Ukraine arriving in Berlin.
- How you can help people in Ukraine and refugees in Berlin now.
- FAQ: Frequently asked questions for refugees from Ukraine and volunteers.

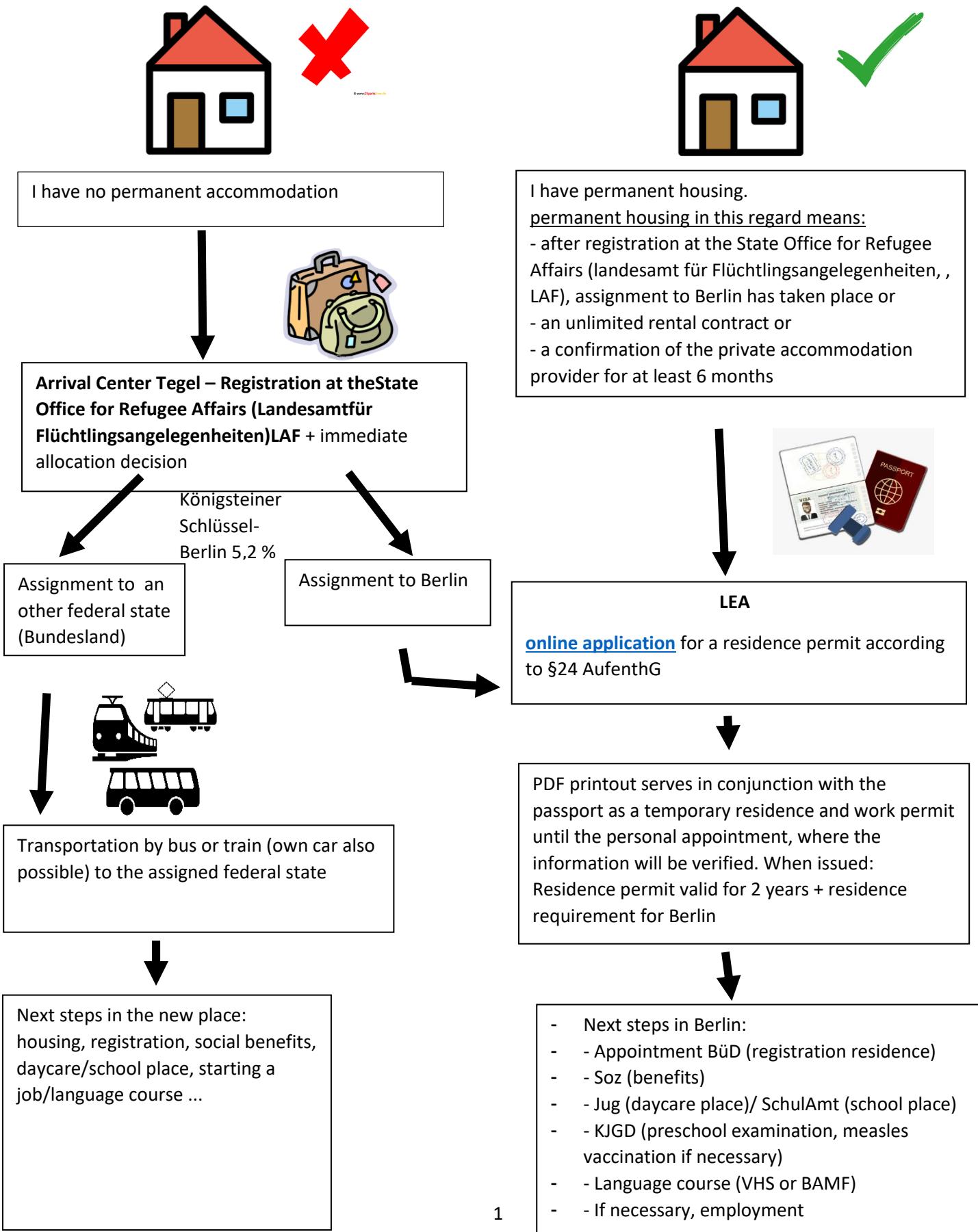
Initial information for refugees from Ukraine

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Graphic overview: Arriving in Berlin



Residence and visas in Germany

As a Ukrainian citizen, you can stay in Germany for up to 90 days with a passport and Schengen visa. You can travel from Berlin to other federal states, receive accommodation and medical care there, register and apply for benefits.

Accommodation

If you need accommodation or medical care in Berlin, please contact the Ukraine Arrival Centre (Ukraine Ankunftszentrum, UA) in Tegel at the address Tegel Airport (TXL Airport), Terminal B, Saatwinkler Damm, 13405 Berlin. The Ukraine Arrival Centre is open around the clock. If there is a family connection (first-degree relatives) or social connection (e.g. queer family of choice) to Berlin, but they cannot take you in, you can apply to stay in Berlin. For all other persons, a distribution to the federal territory will take place within 1-2 days.

You can reach the Ukraine Arrival Centre in Tegel by public transport via the station "Tegel Flughafen". As a Ukrainian refugee, you may use all buses, S-Bahn and U-Bahn trains in Berlin free of charge. Shuttle transport is offered from the main train station to the arrival centre.

For the latest information, please visit www.berlin.de/ukraine

Registration at the State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF)

The State Office for Refugee Affairs (Landesamt für Flüchtlingsangelegenheiten, LAF) currently only registers people who need accommodation in Berlin. After the registration, they are (in most cases) redistributed. It is not necessary to apply for asylum.

Applying for a residence permit at the State Office for Immigration (Landesamt für Einwanderung, LEA)

If you have accommodation where you will live for 6 months or longer, you can apply for a residence permit at the LEA. The application can ONLY be made via the [online portal](https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/) of the State Office for Immigration (website LEA: <https://www.berlin.de/einwanderung/>). The following people can apply for a residence permit according to §24 of the Residence Act (§24 Aufenthaltsgesetz, AufenthG):

- People with Ukrainian citizenship who have fled Ukraine as of 24.02.2022. They need an official document proving their identity.

- Third-country nationals and stateless persons who were recognised as refugees in Ukraine or had another international or national protection status and left Ukraine as of 24.02.2022.
- The nuclear family of the above-mentioned groups, if they have already lived together in Ukraine. The nuclear family consists of spouses and minor children or the parents of minor children. The citizenship of the family is irrelevant.
- Third-country nationals and stateless persons who had a permanent residence permit in Ukraine and who have no possibility to return safely to their country of origin.

After submitting your data, you will be shown a PDF document as confirmation of your application. This document (the so-called fictitious certificate) first serves as proof of your regular residence in Germany (also at the Social Welfare Office when applying for benefits) and certifies that you are entitled to take up any gainful employment. Later, the LEA will send you an appointment for a personal visit to the e-mail address given in the online application. Therefore, please check your e-mails and spam folder regularly. Which documents you need to bring to the appointment and further information on the subject of residence permits can be found here: <https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/330875>

Entitlement to benefits

As a refugee from Ukraine, you can apply for benefits under the Asylum Seekers' Benefits Act (AsylbLG) at the social welfare office in your district if you are destitute or in need. The benefit amount is 364 euros for single adults and additionally reasonable actual expenses for the costs of accommodation. You can already download the [application form](#) for benefits under the AsylbLG .

IMPORTANT: In the near future, registration at the citizen center (Bürgeramt) (or registration at the LAF/LEA) will be a prerequisite for applying for or continuing to receive asylum benefits! Currently, it is still sufficient that you provide proof of your registration/registration until your next visit. If you are accommodated or live in Lichtenberg, you can apply for benefits here:

Amt für Soziales (Office for Social Affairs) Lichtenberg

Adress:	Office Hours
Bezirksamt Lichtenberg Amt für Soziales Alt-Friedrichsfelde 60 10315 Berlin	Tuesday and Thursday 09 a, 12 am Uhr Mail: Email: asyl.ukraine@lichtenberg.berlin.de <u>Special office hours for refugees from Ukraine:</u> Monday, Wednesday and Friday 09 am-12 am

If you do not live in Lichtenberg, you can find more information about the authority responsible for you here: <https://service.berlin.de/dienstleistung/324475/>

Requesting a bank account

If you do not yet have a bank account, you will receive your benefits in cash at the first appointment at the district cashier's office or the money will be transferred to the account of the person accompanying you. You will discuss more details with your caseworker at the Social Services Office. To open your own account, a so-called "basic account", you can go to any bank. Pay attention to the account maintenance fees - these vary greatly from bank to bank for a so-called "basic account" (Basis-Konto). Every consumer is entitled to a payment account with basic functions (basic account/Basis-Konto), including homeless people, asylum seekers and tolerated persons. Sometimes there are problems if they only have a Ukrainian identity card, which cannot read the data on it. Ask your bank what documents it requires to set up a basic account.

Registering your place of residence

If you are staying privately in Berlin (with acquaintances, for subletting, in a hotel, etc.) and will be living there for the next time, you should register in Berlin. As of Monday (28.03.), the citizen center (Bürgerämter) in the respective district of residence are responsible. In Lichtenberg, Bürgeramt 1 in Hohenschönhausen, Egon-Erwin-Kisch-Straße 106, has been chosen for this purpose.

To register, you need to present proof of identity (passport, ID card), a confirmation of move-in from the landlord/landlady and a completed [registration form](#) (PDF). If a berlinpass is required, a passport photo is also required. Daily appointments will be made on site for the registration.

Adress	Office Hours	
Bezirksamt Lichtenberg	Monday	07.30 am to 03.30 pm
Bürgeramt 1	Tuesday	10.00 am to 06.00 pm
Egon-Erwin-Kisch-Straße 106	Wednesday	07.30 am to 02.00 pm
13059 Berlin-Hohenschönhausen	Thursday	10.00 am to 06.00 pm
	Friday	07.30 am to 01.00 pm

Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation of registration - this is required in order to open a bank account, for example.

Attention: There is currently a housing shortage in Berlin: There are hardly any vacant flats an apartments and competition on the housing market is high. Finding your own flat in the short term is very unlikely.

Counseling in Russian Language in Lichtenberg

The district office of Lichtenberg supports a meeting place for Russian-speaking citizens and Russian-Germans by Club Dialog and Wir.de. Here you can get competent advice on arriving in Berlin.

Adress	Office Hours
Club Dialog Beratung s/o Kiez for Kids Wartiner Str. 75, 13057 Berlin	<p>Wednesday 9:30 am - 12:30 am Samstag: 9:30 am - 12:30 am</p> <p>Also, once a month Friday by appointment.</p> <p>Contact: Phone: 01525/8433573 Whatsapp: 0152/ 58 43 35 73 Mail: beratung@r-lichtenberg.de</p>

Health care

When you apply for benefits at the Social Welfare Office, they will also apply for health insurance for you at the same time. You will receive your electronic **health insurance card** by post after some time. If you need a doctor beforehand, you can find a list of over 500 medical practices that have agreed to provide refugees from Ukraine with medical and psychotherapeutic treatment free of charge for the time being on the following website of the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians: <https://www.kvberlin.de/fuer-patienten/ukraine>.

You can filter by district. For Lichtenberg, general practitioners, paediatricians, gynaecologists and psychotherapists can be found.

Kinder- und Jugendgesundheitsdienst (KJGD) Lichtenberg generally also offers consultation hours for uninsured children and adolescents.

Adress	Office Hours
Bezirksamt Lichtenberg von Berlin KJGD Lichtenberg Alfred-Kowalke-Str. 24 10315 Berlin	Thursday 13-16:30 Uhr appointments for counselling Mrs. Galiner: (030) 90296-4915 or Mrs. Straszewski: (030) 90296-4940

However, **in case of emergency** you can always call 112 and order an ambulance. With the official state [Nora app](#), you can also make emergency calls in Ukrainian or Russian.

The Familienplanungszentrum Balance (Balance family planning centre) based in Lichtenberg offers free gynaecological care, psychological and social counselling for refugee women and girls from Ukraine.

Adress	Office Hours
Familienplanungszentrum Balance Mauritiuskirchstraße 3 10365 Berlin-Lichtenberg	Medical-Gynaecological Care Mondays 12 am -03 pm. Psychological counselling Mondays 12 am - 05 pm Social counselling Mondays 10 am-05 pm Appointment Phone: 30 236 236 80 Mail: balance@fpz-berlin.de

Refugees with disabilities can apply for necessary aids and therapies. The central point of contact is the Berliner Zentrum für Selbstbestimmtes Leben e.V. (Berlin Centre for Self-Determined Living). (www.bzsl.de)

Daycare and School

A medical examination by the KJGD is required before admission to the daycare center or school! Please send registrations and inquiries by mail to kjgd.ukraine@lichtenberg.berlin.de.

Children can only attend a daycare center or school if they have been vaccinated against measles. Both pediatricians and the KJGD perform these vaccinations. To register with the KJGD for a measles vaccination, please include your name, age, address and, if possible, a telephone number in the mail. For daycare, to be vaccinated against measles is mandatory. For school enrolment, it is possible to catch up on the vaccination at a later date.

Daycare

If you want to give your child/children in Daycare, then you can apply for a Daycare-voucher (care max. 7 hours) under: Juginfo@lichtenberg.berlin.de or in the Family Office, Mail: info@familienbuero-lichtenberg.de (Tel.: 030 90296 7080).

The daycare voucher does not necessarily mean that you will actually receive a daycare place, but it is a prerequisite for the admission of your child. Please ask in the surrounding daycare centers for free places.

School

Your children have an entitlement have a place at a public school. As soon as you have a fictitious certificate (Fiktionsbescheinigung) or a residence status, your child is obliged to attend school in Germany. The registration for this takes place at the school office (Schulamt) in your

district. As a rule, your children will attend a welcome class or, if necessary, be integrated directly into an existing school class. Here is the contact for Lichtenberg.

Adress	Office Hours
Bezirksamt Lichtenberg von Berlin Schul- und Sportamt Alt-Friedrichsfelde 60 10315 Berlin	Monday to Friday 09am - 03pm appointments for counselling are possible. Please contact Mail: jennifer.moecks@lichtenberg.berlin.de , Phone 030/ 90296-3846

Training and work

If you have received a residence permit according to §24 of the Residence Act (AufenthG), you can take up gainful employment. If you need certificates for this, you can have your certificates and degrees recognized in Germany. This association supports you in your native language:

Adress	Office Hours
Club Dialog e.V. Projekt Fahrplan - Anerkennung beruflicher Abschlüsse. Lindower Str. 18 13347 Berlin-Wedding	Monday to Friday 10 am - 15 pm Phone 030/26 34 76 05 Mail: anerkennung@club-dialog.de

Counseling and initial support for Jewish refugees

The Jewish Community of Berlin has set up an initial reception center for all Jewish refugees from Ukraine in its community center. Jewish refugees can register there and receive a kosher meal, a welcome package with relief goods, the arrangement of temporary accommodation, religious assistance and other help and support from community staff and volunteers.

Adress	Sprechzeiten
Jüdische Gemeinde zu Berlin (Jewish Community of Berlin) Gemeindehaus Fasanenstraße 79/80 10623 Berlin	dayly 08:00 am to midnight Phone: 030/ 880 28 - 0 Mail: ukraine-hilfe@jg-berlin.org .

Advice on arriving in the city

The Welcome Centre provides people who are new to Berlin with a wide range of information (finding accommodation, work, sports, language courses, etc.). Questions about residence status, family reunification, etc. are also answered free of charge and in a well-founded manner:

Adress	Contact
Willkommenszentrum Potsdamer Str. 65 10785 Berlin	Mail: beratung@intmig.berlin.de Phone 030 9017-23172 (for making appointments) Phone: (030) 9017-23126 (general questions). Office hours: Wednesday and Friday : 10 am to 12 am

Psychotherapy counselling

The “Zentrum für Überleben” (Survival Centre) offers consultation hours for refugees from Ukraine with counselling needs in the field of psychotherapy and social counselling. Enquiries can currently be made in German and English.

Adress	Contact
Zentrum ÜBERLEBEN Turmstraße 21 10559 Berlin	Monday, 13:30-15:00 and Tuesday to Friday, 11 am-12:30 am Phone (030) 303 906-512 ukraine@ueberleben.org

Further information: <https://www.ueberleben.org/neuigkeiten/aktuelles/ukraine-angebote/>

Learning German

Refugees from Ukraine can be admitted to an integration course by the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) according to § 44 Abs. 4 AufenthG, in which above all the German language is learned. For admission, the application form (No. 630.007r) must be filled out, as well as ideally an already granted residence title according to §24 AufenthG and a fictitious certificate according to § 81 Abs. 3 S. 1 i.V.m. Abs. 5 AufenthG.

If necessary, a "Certificate on an application for refugees from Ukraine for temporary protection according to §24 Residence Act" is also sufficient.

Applications must be submitted by mail only. Applications from Lichtenberg, Treptow-Köpenick and Marzahn Hellersdorf are processed at the Frankfurt/Oder branch office, Georg-Quincke-Straße 1, 15236 Frankfurt (Oder). This is where you must send your applications. Applications from all other districts are processed at the Berlin field office, Badensche Str. 23 10715 Berlin.

The BAMF recommends to search for a free course place via the BAMF-Navi:

<https://bamf-navi.bamf.de/de/>

Unaccompanied minors - reception, accommodation and initial care

Unaccompanied minor refugees who arrive in Berlin without parents or a person with parental authority should report to the Initial Reception and Clearing Centre immediately after arrival. There, the immediate reception and accommodation will be organised.

Adress	Contact
Address Contact Initial Reception and Clearing Centre (EAC) Prinzregentenstraße 24, 10715 Berlin U7 / U9 / Bus 143 (Berliner Straße)	Phone.: 030 / 818608-3110 Open 24 hours

www.fsd-stiftung.de/kinder-und-jugendliche/erstaufnahme-und-clearingstelle

For volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help refugees from Ukraine, contact the Lichtenberg volunteer agency Oskar.

Adress	Office Hours
oskar freiwilligenagentur lichtenberg Weitlingstr. 89 10317 Berlin	Phone 030 - 746 858 740 Fax 030 - 746 858 749 You can usually reach us by phone on weekdays at 10 am to 05 pm



Integration Team, Lichtenberg District Office

The Lichtenberg District Integration Office provided this information. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Team Integration Lichtenberg, Mail: Integration@lichtenberg.berlin.de

Under the QR code on the right you will find the latest information from the district on services for refugees from Ukraine and volunteers.

