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WELCOME TO NEW YORK:

A Guide for Ukrainian Newcomers

This booklet is intended to provide information and resources for Ukrainian humanitarian parolees who have arrived in New York

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WELCOME TO NEW YORK

The Resettlement & Integration Department at Commonpoint has compiled some information and resources for Ukrainian humanitarian parolees (UHPs) who arrived in New York through the Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) program. Information provided in this resource is as of March 2025 and is subject to change. Please check the [Commonpoint](#) website for possible updates and changes.

This booklet is intended solely for informational purposes and does not constitute legal advice. All content is publicly available.

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES FOR UKRAINIANS WITH UHPs

Updated eligibility for Ukrainians with UHPs to receive basic benefits and services funded by ORR

As of March 2025, Ukrainians who received Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHPs) from 24 February 2022 to 30 September 2024 are eligible for ORR-funded programmes through services provided by resettlement agencies and other benefits available to Ukrainians with a humanitarian parole in New York. This applies to spouses or unmarried children under the age of 21 who received a humanitarian passport during this period..

List of agencies in the city of New York can be found here:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/policy-guidance/state-new-york-programs-and-services-locality>

DOCUMENTATION

Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees may have one of the following documents to show their legal status in the United States:

Foreign passport with parole stamp that includes a UHP class of admission (COA) - Ukrainian passport or that of another country if permanently residing in Ukraine. For more information regarding documentation of parole under Uniting for Ukraine, please visit: [Parole Under Uniting for Ukraine | USCIS](#)

I-94 Form

Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees under Uniting for Ukraine can obtain a copy of their electronic **Form I-94**, Arrival/Departure Record, from the U.S Customs and Border Protection website at i94.cbp.dhs.gov. This Form I-94 record will include a UHP class of admission (COA).

To obtain Form I-94, UHPs can visit the website at the following link: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>, click the tab "GET MOST RECENT I-94," and enter their information.

Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

United States employers are required to make sure all employees, regardless of citizenship or national origin, are authorized to work in the United States. Having an **Employment Authorization Document** (I-765/EAD) is one way to prove that one is permitted to work in the United States for a specific time period.

UHPs can create an account and apply for an EAD and a Social Security Number (SSN) for each family member here:

- [Citizenship and Immigration Services - Sign up for a USCIS Account](#)
- [Apply for Form I-765](#)

Note: An unexpired I-94 form that shows a class of admission of "UHP" and a most recent date of entry on or before Sept. 30, 2024, is an acceptable document that temporarily shows identity and employment authorization for up to 90 days.

For more information regarding employment authorization for UHPs, please visit: [Which Ukrainian Parolees and Immediate Family Members are Employment Authorized Incident to Parole? | USCIS](#)

Social Security Number (SSN)

Social Security Number (SSN) is a unique identifying number assigned to U.S. citizens and other residents. SSN is required to work in the United States so that employers may report their employees' wages, pay income taxes, and determine eligibility for Social Security benefits. Please visit [Update on Form I-134A | USCIS](#) for more information regarding obtaining a social security number.

There are two ways to apply for an SSN:

1. Visit the Social Security Administration office with a valid passport, form I-94 and [completed questionnaire SS-5](#). In section 5, UHPs are eligible under "Legal Alien Allowed to Work." In New York City, the application may be submitted in person to the Social Security Administration at the following addresses:
 - a. **Brooklyn:** 154 Pierrepont Street, 6th floor, NY 11201
 - b. **Manhattan:** 123 William Street, 3rd floor, NY 10038
 - c. **Queens:** 155-10 Jamaica Avenue, 2nd floor, NY 11432
 - d. **Bronx:** 820 Concourse Village West, 2nd floor, NY 10451

Please note, other SSA field offices may be found using the [SSA Field Office Locator](#).

2. Request an SSN when completing the USCIS form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization (see above). The EAD approval process can take several months, and the Social Security card will arrive soon after the EAD.

Applying for a SSN and an initial EAD is free for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.

Typically, UHPs receive Social Security cards, that show the individual's name and Social Security number, and has a notation, **"VALID FOR WORK ONLY WITH DHS AUTHORIZATION."** This type of social security card may be issued to people lawfully admitted to the United States on a temporary basis who have the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)'s authorization to work. USCIS is an agency of the Department of Homeland Security.

For more information regarding types of social security cards, please visit:
<https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/cards.htm>

REQUIRED STEPS

Report Change of Address to USCIS

All noncitizens in the United States must report a change of address to USCIS within 10 days. If an individual has changed their address since filing with USCIS, it is important to update the address using the [AR-11 - Change of Address form](#) or through their [account with USCIS](#). Failure to include the receipt number of each pending application may result in USCIS sending mail and documents to the old address.

Complete U4U Public Health Requirements

All UHPs over the age of two must be screened for TB with an interferon-gamma release assay (IGRA) within 90 days of arrival in the United States. IGRA is a blood test that can determine whether a person is infected with TB bacteria.

Everyone must attest to completing the TB screening requirement in their United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) online account (myaccount.uscis.gov) within 90 days of arrival, including minor children and children under 2 years of age, who qualify for an exemption to the TB test screening.

For more information about screening for TB, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/tb/programs/u4u-conversation-guide.html>

- 1. TB Testing in NYC** - To find free clinics that offer TB testing in New York City, UHPs can access the following website: [NYC TB Test Centers](#)
- 2. Health insurance** - If a parolee has enrolled in Medicaid or other health insurance, they can get tested as directed by the primary care physician (PCP).
- 3. Free referral through KHealth** - UHPs can get a free referral on the site [KHealth](#) and take a paid test at one of the labs, such as LabCorp or Jason Health.

Vaccination against COVID-19

According to U4U program requirements, after being paroled into the United States, all beneficiaries aged 6 months and older must submit an attestation stating that they will be or are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 within 90 days of arrival. The attestation is a condition of parole and must be completed in the beneficiary's USCIS online account.

If an individual has received two vaccinations with the two-stage vaccine against COVID-19, they are considered fully vaccinated and do not require additional vaccinations.

For individuals who are partially vaccinated, completing the COVID-19 vaccination process is necessary in the U.S. The vaccination card can be downloaded from the "DIYA" portal. This card contains vaccine information and dates, aiding U.S. healthcare providers or pharmacists in selecting the suitable vaccine and scheduling the completion of vaccination for partially vaccinated individuals.

Vaccination does not require insurance - it is free for everyone. One of the easiest ways to get vaccinated is to contact a large pharmacy: [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#), [Health Mart](#).

[USCIS Uniting for Ukraine Vaccine Attestation](#)

Registration For The Selective Service

All men in the United States who are ages of 18 through 25, including Ukrainian humanitarian parolees, must register for Selective Service. New arrivals must register within 30 days of arriving in the U.S. Evading registration could lead to denial of immigration and other benefits down the road, as well as potentially large fines and even jail time.

You can register and find more information here: <https://www.sss.gov/register>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WORK

The following resources can assist Ukrainians in exploring special programs designed to support jobseekers, searching for open job opportunities, posting resumes to increase visibility to employers, and researching various career paths.

- [American job centers](#) help people find work, find training and answer other questions related to employment.
- [Workforce Services at Commonpoint HUB](#) provides employment and professional development services to help people find stable employment and gain the skills they need. The programme includes interview preparation, career counselling, digital literacy courses, HSE/GED and job readiness training. Participants can receive full scholarships for vocational training in healthcare, culinary arts, information technology and security. The programme also provides social support, including assistance with benefits, a food bank and English language courses (ESOL).
- [The Hope Program](#) empowers New Yorkers to build sustainable futures through comprehensive training, employment, career advancement and lifelong career support.
- [Upwardly Global](#) helps refugees and other humanitarian migrants find professional work in the USA. Their free program includes resume writing, interview preparation, training, certifications, one-on-one coaching, career networking and introducing you to employers.
- [St. Nicks Alliance](#) offers comprehensive programmes to support the community, focusing on professional development, education, housing and social services. Workforce development programmes include job training, career counselling and job placement assistance. Young people can benefit from educational initiatives such as after-school activities, tutoring and college preparation.

- [Professional Pathways Program](#) helps skilled immigrants integrate into the US labour market by offering career support and professional development. The programme includes one-on-one career counselling, resume assistance and interview preparation. Participants can access professional trainings, refresher courses and networking events that facilitate employment in their respective fields. The programme also provides support in recognising foreign diplomas and finding career opportunities.
- [Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow \(OBT\)](#) provides comprehensive career development, vocational training and education programmes to help young people and adults find stable employment and improve their professional skills. The programme includes career counselling, job preparation, digital literacy and entrepreneurship training. Participants can receive support in obtaining certificates and take professional courses in healthcare, information technology, administrative management and other fields. OBT also offers educational programmes, including HSE/GED and English as a Second Language (ESOL) courses, as well as resources for entrepreneurial development.
- [New York Women Immigrants](#) supports immigrant women in New York City by helping them integrate into society, develop their careers and access the resources they need. The organisation provides professional development programmes, mentoring, educational opportunities and job placement support. Participants can get help with resume development, interview preparation, learning new professional skills, and access to a support network of immigrant women. The programme also includes information sessions, webinars and leadership development activities.
- [New York Public Library \(NYPL\)](#), [Brooklyn Public Library \(BPL\)](#) та [Queens Public Library \(QPL\)](#) provide free access to books, learning materials, the Internet and educational programmes for all New Yorkers. The libraries offer English language courses (ESOL), GED preparation, computer labs, career counselling, and programmes for children and families. Free study and work spaces, cultural events, and assistance with immigration research resources are also available.

There are many job search websites in the United States. Some include:

- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Indeed](#)
- [SimplyHired](#)
- [Glassdoor](#)

Additional job search websites:

- [Task Rabbit \(Cleaning\)](#)
- [Rover \(animal care\)](#)
- [Care.com \(childcare\)](#)

- [Uber \(driver\)](#)
- [Lyft \(driver\)](#)
- [Doordash \(driver\)](#)
- [Flexjobs \(remote work\)](#)

HOUSING

Please note that all the websites below operate independently and many have private landlords and postings. Commonpoint does not endorse any individual housing providers, and we encourage all Ukrainians to clearly research and understand the housing agreements into which they enter.

Short-term housing websites:

- [Airbnb](#)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Leasebreak](#)

Long-term housing websites:

- [Apartment list](#)
- [Zillow](#)
- [Trulia](#)
- [Craigslist](#)
- [Bazarynka](#)
- [Streeteasy](#)

[NYC Housing Connect](#) - is an online platform that helps you find affordable housing in New York City. Here you can apply for rent-controlled apartments, check the status of your application and receive updates on new opportunities. The platform is open to anyone who meets income and other requirements and works like a housing lottery. The video [at this link](#) shows step-by-step how to register and apply (you can choose a Ukrainian translation on the website in the upper right corner).

[Nova Ukraine](#) and [Ukrainian Habitat Fund](#)- organizations that may be able to support UHPs with securing initial housing. Please understand that their capabilities are limited.

Homeless individuals and families have a right to shelter in the City of New York. If you are currently homeless, you can seek assistance at the intake shelters listed below which are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The following list are locations where applications are accepted at this time:

Single Adult Men

- 400-430 East 30th Street, New York (at First Avenue)

Single Adult Women

- 116 Williams Avenue, Brooklyn (between Liberty Avenue and Glenmore Avenue)
- 1122 Franklin Avenue, Bronx (near 166th Street)

Families with Children

- PATH (between Walton Avenue and Gerard Avenue)
- 151 East 151st Street, Bronx

For more information regarding homeless shelters across NYC, please visit: [Homeless Shelters · NYC311](#)

PUBLIC BENEFITS

In New York State, UHPs continue to be eligible for Medicaid or Essential Plan health insurance. More about Benefits available [here](#) and [here](#).

Types of mainstream public benefits that Ukrainian humanitarian parolees may be eligible for:

Medicaid is a government-sponsored health insurance program designed to provide coverage for low-income individuals and families. Medicaid provides coverage for a wide range of medical services, including routine doctor visits, urgent care, chronic care, hospitalization and prescription drugs, and depending on the Medicaid plan underwriter company, coverage for dental and eye services. Please note that not all medical providers participate in a Medicaid plan.

Residents of the five boroughs of New York City can apply for Medicaid at [AccessHRA](#); residents of all other New York State counties can apply [through the New York State of Health Website](#).

Psychological support and mental health. If you have insurance, you can find a specialist through [Psychology Today](#) or [ZocDoc](#) by choosing a psychologist who accepts your insurance company. If you need a Ukrainian- or Russian-speaking specialist, you can set up a search by language. If the specialist speaks only English, you can use a telephone translator to communicate.

Mental health support is made even more accessible through online resources. Below you will find a selection of free and paid services to help you manage stress, maintain emotional balance, and get professional help.

Free resources:

- [Tell Me](#) free psychological support for Ukrainians.
- [Як ти?](#) is an Ukrainian mental health programme that helps to cope with stress.
- [Rozmova](#) is an online platform for free consultations.
- [Egobalance](#) free consultations and psychological support.

Paid resources:

- [Comprehensive Counselling LCSW](#) private psychological services.
- [BetterHelp](#) online therapy available for a fee.
- [My Therapist](#) is a service for finding therapists and psychologists.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides food assistance for low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities. The program helps families and individuals supplement the cost of their diet with nutritious foods. All SNAP applicants that have been approved for benefits will receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card in the mail. For information about maximum SNAP benefit amounts, please see: [Access HRA](#). *UHPs residing outside of the five New York City boroughs, can access further information [here](#).*

New York's Cash Assistance (CA) provides temporary financial help to eligible families and individuals who are in financial need and includes allowance amounts for certain basic needs: housing, utilities, food, transportation, etc. The amount of the payment depends on the size and composition of the family and other circumstances. Information about different types of Public Cash Assistance is available on the HRA website. Apply here: [Access HRA](#). *UHPs residing outside of the five New York City boroughs, can locate their local office [here](#).* Official source can be viewed here: [Policy and Guidance - Eligibility of Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families \(TANF\)](#)

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a program that provides healthy food and access to medical check-ups for low-income pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as children under 5 years of age. To do this, they must have proof of income (Medicaid, SNAP, or Cash Assistance can be used as proof of income). UHPs can apply through the [WIC website](#).

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program for adults and children who meet the definition of disabled and individuals aged 65 or older who have limited income and resources. It provides cash (see [Federal Payment Amounts here](#)) to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. SSI applications are made at a [Social Security](#)

[Administration](#) office. Typically, eligible UHPs need to present their passport, I-94, and social security number, proof of income and savings as applicable, and expenses, including rent. For more information and to order SSI application forms and make an appointment call 1-800-772-1213. UHP eligibility is listed [here](#)

Fair Fares NYC is a program created to help New Yorkers with low incomes manage their transportation costs. Using the Fair Fares NYC MetroCard, eligible New York City residents receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Apply here: [Access HRA](#)

Childcare Vouchers help cover the cost of child care for children 6 weeks to 13 years old. Children with disabilities up to 19 years old are also covered. To determine eligibility and apply, UHPs can visit the [ACCESS NYC Website](#). UHPs residing outside of the five New York City boroughs, can access more information [here](#).

****Please note that Public Benefits assistance is provided as long as a family meets the income criteria. As soon as the applicant's income changes, they must inform the relevant city or state agency about it.***

FREE AND LOW COST SECOND-HAND CLOTHING

Gently used clothes and furniture can be purchased inexpensively in second-hand stores:

- [Clothing Closet Directory](#)
- [Goodwill](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Savers](#)

FOOD BANKS

Food banks in the United States are charitable organizations that provide assistance to people who are in difficult economic conditions and have limited access to food. These agencies distribute free food and provide support to those in need, helping to reduce food insecurity in various communities.

- [Commonpoint Queens](#)
- [City Harvest](#)
- [Food Pantries](#)
- [Food Help NYC](#)
- [Food Bank for New York City](#)

REGISTERING CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMPS

All children aged 4 to 21 can attend public schools. Children between ages 6 and 16 are required to attend school and access education. NYC public schools provide interpretation services, either at the school/office where the parent is seeking assistance or by telephone. Children can be admitted to the school at any time of the school year.

Children may be enrolled in public school in New York City in-person or online:

- Visit a Family Welcome Center. No appointment is needed. [Family Support Center locations can be found here.](#)

OR

- Visit [NYmyschools](#) to create an account for the school-aged child and receive guidance on the school enrollment process.

NYC public schools can be found using one's home address [here](#). If a UHP family is in search of a daycare, those can be found using this [link](#).

All public schools offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to children for whom English is not their native language. If there are many such students in an elementary school, they can be combined into a separate ESL class. If a child with UHP has entered middle or high school, they will be offered ESL classes in addition to the subjects they choose to study.

Summer Rising is a free, full-day summer camp for children in kindergarten through 8th grade, supported by the NYC Department of Youth Development and Community Initiatives (DYCD) and New York City Public Schools in all five boroughs. *Registration is open from 4 March to 28 March 2025 on the [MySchools NYC](#) platform.* Some customers may already have an account on this site, so they just need to log in.

Key dates:

- **4 March 2025** - start of application
- **28 March 2025** - registration closes
- **April 2025** - announcement of results in MySchools

More information about the programme can be found here: [Summer Rising](#).

ENGLISH COURSES

There are many opportunities to access English classes for free in New York City and the surrounding areas. NYC Department of Education (DOE), community organizations, public

libraries, colleges/universities and other institutions have classes for newly arrived immigrants. Classes are often offered in-person or virtually, throughout the day. You can find a few English language providers below:

Public Libraries:			
New York Public Library (NYPL)	New York, Bronx, Staten Island	Both	Free English Classes for Adults / The New York Public Library
Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)	Brooklyn	Both	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) / Brooklyn Public Library
Queens Public Library (QPL)	Queens	Both	Learn English / Queens Public Library
Refugee Agencies:			
Commonpoint	Queens	Both	The Jack and Shirley Silver Hub, 77-17 Queens Blvd, Elmhurst, NY 11373. For more information about registering for the ESOL programme, please contact ESOL instructor Martha Zambrano at mzambrano@commonpointqueens.org . To apply
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Manhattan	In-Person	To reach them, send an SMS with your name and phone number to 929-367-1912 or write to: ADULTENGLISHCLASSES@IRCNY.ORG . The IRC office is located at: 263 W 38TH ST 6 FL NEW YORK, NY 10018, (212) 210-6351
Catholic Charities Community Services	Manhattan	In-Person	Most classes are held at the main centre at: 80 Maiden Lane, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10038. To register and for more information, please call 929-504-2596
CAMBA	Brooklyn	In-Person	English for Speakers of Other Languages - CAMBA, Inc.
Shorefront	Brooklyn	Both	For contact: Asya, 347.689.1829, anastasiiaf@shorefrontny.org and ESL@shorefrontny.org . To apply . Find out more about programmes and classes: ESL, Citizenship & Vocational Services Shorefront YM-YWHA ESL@shorefrontny.org
Marks JCH	Brooklyn	In-Person	Adult Literacy Schedule and Registration
Colleges			
Community Impact at Columbia	Manhattan	In-Person	Adult Programs - Sandy Helling (sh18@columbia.edu) Emergency / Food Programs - Ricardo Bustamante (rab2232@columbia.edu) Youth Programs - Cait Hughes (cmh2254@columbia.edu) Development & Communications - Satrina Boyce (sb4441@columbia.edu) All other inquiries -

			(contactus@communityimpact.columbia.edu) (212) 854-1492 https://www.communityimpact.columbia.edu/content/esol-classes-english-speakers-other-languages
Bronx Community College	Bronx	In-Person	Gould Residence Hall, #410, 2155 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10453, (718) 289-5834
Hostos Community College	Bronx	In-Person	Adult Learning Center, 560 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY 10451, (718) 514-7534, cedu@hostos.cuny.edu
Lehman College	Bronx	In-Person	Adult Learning Center, 250 Bedford Park Blvd. West, Old Gym, #019, Bronx, NY 10468, (718) 960-8807/7359, adult.learningcenter@lehman.cuny.edu
College of Staten Island	Staten Island	In-Person	Adult Literacy & Language Program, 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10314, (718) 982-3996, clip@csi.cuny.edu
Brooklyn College	Brooklyn	In-Person	Adult Literacy Program, 2900 Bedford Ave., 0118 Ingersoll Hall, Brooklyn, NY 11210, (718) 951-4117, adultliteracy@brooklyn.cuny.edu
Kingsborough Community College	Brooklyn	In-Person	Continuing Education, 2001 Oriental Blvd., #T231, Brooklyn, NY 11235, (718) 368-4870, SKrivenko@kbcc.cuny.edu
Medgar Evers College	Brooklyn	In-Person	Adult Literacy Center, 1534 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11216, (718) 804-8880, adultliteracycenteralc@gmail.com
New York City College of Technology	Brooklyn	In-Person	Adult Learning Center, 25 Chapel Street, 4th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 552-1140, (201) 632-3831 (text), DCapobianco@citytech.cuny.edu
Borough of Manhattan Community College	Manhattan	In-Person	Adult Basic Education Programs, 25 Broadway, 8th floor, New York, NY 10004, (212) 346-8890, literacyprogram@bmcc.cuny.edu
City College of New York	Manhattan	In-Person	Continuing & Professional Studies, 259 Convent Ave., Shepard Hall, Room 2, New York, NY 10031, (212) 650-7312, cps@ccny.cuny.edu https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/cps/esl
Hunter College	Manhattan	In-Person	SPELL Program, 695 Park Ave., New York, NY 10021, (212) 772-4620 or (929) 256-5801, hunter.spellprogram@huntersoe.org, (212) 772-4357 or HelpDesk@hunter.cuny.edu
LaGuardia Community College	Queens	In-Person	Adult Basic Skills Dept., 29-10 Thomson Ave., Bldg. C, #C-400, Long Island City, NY 11101, (347) 670-0752, adultbasicskills@lagcc.cuny.edu
Queensborough Community College	Queens	In-Person	Dept. of English, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside, NY 11364, (718) 631-6363 or (718) 631-6371
York College	Queens	In-Person	York College Learning Center, 94-43 160th Street, Classroom Building, #CL-104, Jamaica, NY 11451, (718) 262-3861, yorkcollegelearningcenter@york.cuny.edu
Other organizations & providers			
Felt NYC	Manhattan	Virtual	Contact Us – FELT Education
Institute for Immigrant Concerns	Manhattan	Both	instituteforimmigrantconcerns@gmail.com 917-500-8407

			https://www.instituteformigrantconcerns.org/classes-and-registration
New International Center (CCCS)	Manhattan	Virtual	929-504-2596, https://www.newintlcenter.org/contact-us.html
Riverside	Manhattan	Both	212-662-3200 info@riversidelanguage.org
We Speak NYC	NYC locations	In-Person	https://wespeaknyc.cityofnewyork.us/classes-near-you
The Father's Heart Ministries	Manhattan	Both	212-375-1765 https://www.fathersheartnyc.org/hunger-prevention Our English as a Second Language (ESL) class meets every Saturday (except the first Saturday of the month) from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. The class is free, and all levels of English are welcome. ESL@fathersheartnyc.org if you are interested in remote learning or on-site learning.
Center for New Immigrants - ESU / Andrew Romay New Immigrant Center (ARNIC)	Manhattan	Both	(212) 818-1200 info@esuus.org khart@esuus.org https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWQncJx5IZVlrCKHYosAr6fyK7Lvb6XKGUC9_T4saczKtNPA/viewform
YMCA	NYC locations	Virtual	newamericans@ymcanyc.org
Manhattan School of Computer Technology	Brooklyn	Both	718-360-1534, ext 102 Iryna Ponunaieva irinapononaeva@gmail.com info@manhattanschool.edu https://manhattanschool.edu/programs/esl/
University Settlement	Manhattan, Brooklyn		info@universitysettlement.org +1 (212) 453-4500
Neighbors Link	Yonkers	Both	(914) 666-3410 info@neighborslink.org

OBTAINING IDNYC AND NY STATE DRIVERS LICENSE

IDNYC is considered a recognized NYC government photo ID card. It is a recognized credential for interaction with the New York Police Department (NYPD), access to all city buildings providing services to the public, identification for employment, and medical benefits. It can be used as a public library card, to access immunization records for yourself and your child, and to open a bank account at certain financial institutions. [Appointments can be made using this link.](#)

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Below you will find useful contacts and information to help you with your immigration issues. We recommend that you read these materials carefully and seek professional advice as needed. The Outreach team provides these links as free resources for interested parties and does not offer any formal legal advice.

[The HIAS Legal Department](#) provides comprehensive support to immigrants and refugees, including free legal advice through a hotline. Consultations are available every first Friday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by calling 212-613-1341.

Official educational materials from HIAS for Ukrainians with basic information on migration status:

- [TPS Toolkit for Pro Se Applicants Ukrainian](#)
- [Pro Se Re-parole Toolkit for Ukrainians](#)
- [Pro Se Fee Waiver Toolkit](#)
- [Pro Se Travel Doc Toolkit](#)
- [Information on expedited filing of requests with USCIS.](#)

[CAMBA](#) provides legal services for immigrants, including assistance with immigration documents, protection from deportation and advice on immigration status. The organisation promotes the integration and protection of immigrants' rights.

[Catholic Charities](#) provides free or low-cost legal services to immigrants. Services include immigration advice, assistance with citizenship applications, work permits and other documents.

[The Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst](#) offers assistance to immigrants, including Ukrainian refugees, through its Crisis Response Centre. For more information, please contact Alla Itkina, Immigration Services Manager, at 718-943-6357.

[The New York Immigration Coalition \(NYIC\)](#) is an organisation that brings together more than 200 groups to support immigrants in New York City. It provides resources for immigrants, including legal assistance, education, advocacy, and community integration. NYIC is actively working to improve the living conditions of immigrants and ensure their access to important services and opportunities.

[The New York Legal Assistance Group \(NYLAG\)](#) provides free legal assistance, including advice and support on immigration issues, especially for new clients. There is special support for Ukrainians: you can call 212-659-6187 or send a request to UkraineTPS@nylag.org.

[The Legal Aid Society](#) provides free legal assistance to immigrants, including support in immigration and deportation matters. The organisation assists with applications for status, defence against deportation, and other immigration matters to ensure the rights and safety of immigrants.

[ActionNYC and the Immigrant Justice Corps \(IJC\)](#) at the Brooklyn Library provide free legal assistance to immigrants, including counseling, documentation and protection from deportation. The programme helps immigrants navigate immigration law, providing support for integration and safety in the United States.

[The Immigrant Defence Project \(IDP\)](#) is an organisation that protects the rights of immigrants facing detention or deportation. It provides legal advice, training, and resources to support immigrants, attorneys, and human rights advocates in navigating complex immigration law issues.

[Lawyers for Good Government](#) provides free legal assistance to Ukrainians eligible for Temporary Protected Status (TPS). The organisation assists with the collection of documents and completion of TPS applications, providing support in legal procedures.

[The Legal Information Network for Ukraine \(LINU\)](#) conducts regular webinars in Russian and Ukrainian on immigration issues affecting Ukrainians. If you are looking for information on a specific immigration issue, please check out [the recorded LINU webinars](#). You can also contact LINU with your question via [the form on the website](#) and one of LINU's attorneys will respond to you.

[Ukraine Immigration Task Force](#) helps Ukrainians in need of immigration support in the United States. The organisation provides information, resources, and legal assistance for documentation, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and other immigration matters. On its website, the organisation offers [up-to-date information, useful materials and resources](#), including those available in Ukrainian. Also, the Ukraine Immigration Task Force has compiled [a list of Ukrainian and Russian speaking immigration attorneys who provide services to Ukrainians](#). These attorneys usually charge a fee for their services, although in exceptional cases they may be willing to represent you pro bono.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, call the national hotline at 800-799-7233, or text START to 88788, or visit thehotline.org to find asylum and legal aid. The line is open 24/7 and has interpreters.

TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS (TPS)

The Department of Homeland Security announced the extension and redesignation of Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) on August 18, 2023. For information regarding Temporary Protected Status, please visit the following website: [Temporary Protected Status Designated Country: Ukraine | USCIS](#)

The General information about TPS:

- [English](#)
- [Ukrainian](#)
- [Russian](#)

Eligible UHPs can apply for TPS [online](#) (fill out the form [I-821 – Application for Temporary Protected Status](#)), and by mail.

- For applying with forms I-131 (application for Travel Document) or I-912 (exemption from payment of fees), only submit by mail.
- For the ability to travel outside of the US while in TPS status, fill out the form [I-131 – Application for Travel Document](#) to receive Advance Parole.

RE-PAROLE

USCIS announced that eligible Ukrainians can now apply online for re-parole. For information regarding Re-Parole, please visit the following website: [Re-Parole Process for Certain Ukrainian Citizens and Their Immediate Family Members | USCIS](#)

The general information about Re-parole:

- [English](#)
- [Ukrainian](#)
- [Russian](#)

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