

## USEFUL INFORMATION FOR UKRAINIAN CITIZENS ON UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

### Temporary refuge

#### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Citizens of Ukraine and persons who had international or equivalent national protection in Ukraine and their following family members (as long as the family resided in Ukraine before 24 February 2022) can apply for temporary refuge:

- spouse
- a minor child of the person or his or her spouse
- parent of a minor child (only in the case of a child who is a citizen of Ukraine)
- another close relative who has lived in the same household with a citizen of Ukraine or a person granted protection and has been wholly or partially dependent on his or her relative.

A foreigner who is not a citizen of Ukraine, is a permanent resident in the territory of Ukraine and is unable to return to his or her country or region under safe and stable conditions may also apply for temporary refuge.

**In the meantime, temporary refuge will be provided until 4 March 2023.**

#### **Pass for foreigners**

Citizens of Ukraine who have been granted temporary refuge will be issued with a card by **the competent departments of the Border and Aliens Police Office of the Presidium of the Police Force**. In accordance with the Asylum Act, they are issued a document of tolerated stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic designated **temporary refuge**.



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### What if the child crosses the border on his or her own?

Minor children from Ukraine who cross the border unaccompanied by a parent or other adult person who is a relative of the child or a person close to the child shall be reported by the Police of the Slovak Republic to the competent labour, social affairs and family office as the authority for social and legal protection of children and family.

The labour, social affairs and family office will start dealing with the child's situation promptly and provide care at the Centre for Children and Families.

### What if a relative or close person joins the child?

The court decides whether the child should be placed in the Centre for Children and Families. If it is then established that there is a relative or close person who will take custody of the child, a petition will be filed to annul the court's decision and transfer the child to his or her care.

### What if a child crosses the border with a relative or close person?

If the child is in the care of relatives or close persons by the will of the legal representative, there is no reason to place him or her in the Centre for Children and Families.

### How to legalise a child's residence?

A relative or person close to the child files a petition with the court for appointment as guardian. This will allow them to apply for temporary refuge, medical care, schooling, etc., on behalf of the children. If they are unable to write a petition, the staff of the labour, social affairs and family office, the Department of Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Guardianship, will help them with this.

### Who can help me write a petition?

Departments of Social and Legal Protection of Children and Social Guardianship at each labour, social affairs and family office, attorney or legal aid centre.