

# New Temporary Residence Permit Rules for Foreign Volunteers and Humanitarian Workers

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Starting 1 July 2026, foreign volunteers and humanitarian workers may apply for a temporary residence permit during martial law and for one year following its termination or cancellation **without being required to submit a long-term (Type D) visa** as part of the application.



Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to Section IV 'Final Provisions' of the Law of Ukraine 'On the Legal Status of Foreigners and Stateless Persons'"



**Important:** These amendments do not affect the rules governing entry into Ukraine and do not modify Ukraine's visa regime for foreign nationals. The Law regulates only the subsequent legalization of stay and residence in Ukraine through obtaining a temporary residence permit.

## Who Is Eligible?

The Law applies to the following categories of foreign nationals and stateless persons (except citizens of the Russian Federation):



### Foreign Volunteers

Individuals who entered Ukraine for the purpose of:

- participating in international or regional volunteer programmes; or
- participating in the activities of organizations and/or institutions that engage volunteers in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Volunteer Activity."



### Humanitarian Workers

Individuals who entered Ukraine to:

- work for branches or representative offices of legal entities established under the laws of foreign states and duly registered in Ukraine;
- provided that such branches or representative offices are recognized as recipients of humanitarian aid in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On Humanitarian Aid."

## Temporary Nature of the Amendments



The introduced provisions constitute special temporary measures. They will remain in force for the duration of martial law in Ukraine and for one year following its termination or cancellation.

After the expiry of this period, the relevant categories of foreigners and stateless persons will once again be subject to the general requirements of Ukraine's migration legislation.



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