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Subject: Expiration of the Temporary Protection Directive

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a refugee with a temporary Ukrainian residence permit (third-country national), you will no longer qualify for temporary protection in the Netherlands as of 4 September 2023. You will then no longer fall under the Temporary Protection Directive for refugees from Ukraine, with all associated rights. In this letter, we will provide you with more information on how this will affect your situation.

Who will be affected by the change?

As of 4 September 2023, the Temporary Protection Directive no longer applies to people who hold temporary residence permits for work or study while in the Ukraine. This concerns third-country nationals who were registered in the Netherlands in the Basic Registration of Persons ('Basisregistratie Personen', BRP) before 19 July 2022.

The Temporary Protection Directive will continue to apply in respect of: third-country nationals (and family members) with a permanent Ukrainian residence permit. Likewise for third-country nationals (and family members) with a residence permit offering national or international protection.

What does this mean for you?

As a third-country national, you are required to depart the Netherlands on 4 September 2023. You may also proceed with the asylum procedure if you believe you are not safe in your country of origin.

Departure from the Netherlands

If you do not apply for asylum, you will be required to leave the Netherlands on 4 September 2023. The Dutch Repatriation and Departure Service ('Dienst Terugkeer en Vertrek'; "DT&V") will support you in this. If you register for departure with the DT&V before 1 July 2023, you will receive a financial contribution of €5,000 per person upon departure. If you apply in July, you will receive €2,000 per person upon departure. As of 1 August 2023, you will no longer receive an additional contribution. For more information:
<https://www.dienstterugkeerenvertrek.nl/actueel/nieuws/2022/11/10/remigratiebeleid>

You choose to follow the asylum procedure

Recently, you received a letter from the IND asking whether you intend to proceed with the asylum procedure. It is important that you respond to this request. If you do not respond, the IND will close your application and you will be required to leave the Netherlands on 4 September 2023. If you indicate that you would like to proceed with the asylum procedure, the IND will process your asylum application. You can

await the outcome in the Netherlands. You will then be subject to the rules as they apply for asylum seekers.

Accommodation

While your asylum application is pending, you are entitled to accommodation at the Central Agency for Asylum Seekers ('Centraal Orgaan Asielzoekers', "COA"). If you are currently living in a municipal refugee centre, you will transfer to a COA reception centre. This may be in a different place or region from where you are currently residing. The relocations from Ukrainian reception locations to COA reception locations will take place in stages between 24 July and 20 October. You will be notified about this at the location where you are currently registered. Different rules apply at COA accommodation locations. More information on COA facilities can be found here: Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers ('Centraal Orgaan opvang asielzoekers' mycoa.nl).

Are you currently living with family, friends or a host family? If so, and your family, friends or host family agree to this, you may continue to reside with them under a COA scheme, while your asylum application is processed. If your host family decides to stop accommodating you, you will move to a COA accommodation. If you do not apply for asylum, you can no longer stay in a host family.

Please note! This letter includes a flyer intended for your host household. If you continue to reside with your host household after 4 September, this may have financial repercussions for them. It is therefore important that you share this flyer with your host family.

Living allowance, work, study and medical care

- You receive a weekly allowance from COA. This weekly allowance is for food and clothing. The amount depends on your family situation. If you are employed as an asylum seeker, you must contribute to the cost of your accommodation at the COA.
- As an asylum seeker, you may work, but different rules apply. You may work a maximum of 24 weeks out of 52 weeks. Your employer must apply for a work permit ('tewerkstellingsvergunning' or TWV) from the UWV for this purpose. More information: www.uwv.nl/werkvergunning.
- As an asylum seeker, you may continue to study at a college or university if you registered there before 4 September 2023. Minors also retain the right to education. However, it may mean that your children will have to attend another school if you move to a COA accommodation in another municipality.
- As an asylum seeker, you remain insured for medical care. This is arranged by the COA. The healthcare covered by the health care insurance for you as asylum seeker can be found on the website www.rmasielzoekers.nl. If you move to a COA facility, you can visit the general practice of the COA facility. If you live with a host family, you can remain with your current GP.

Further information and questions

If you still have questions after reading this letter or haven't yet received a letter from the IND, please refer to the website of the central government for further information. To do so, scan the QR code. You can also contact Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland at <https://www.refugeehelp.nl/non-ukrainian-citizenship> to ask your questions or make an appointment.



With kind regards,

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