

If you have fled the war in Ukraine, it is advisable to apply for temporary protection

Temporary protection is a form of protection meant for people fleeing the war in Ukraine. The purpose of temporary protection is to offer you provisional protection without a long wait.

Why to apply for temporary protection

- The Finnish Immigration Service is able to decide an application for temporary protection in a considerably shorter time than it would take to decide an asylum application.
- The possibility of temporary protection is specifically intended for people fleeing from Ukraine. This means that you do not need to justify why you are applying for temporary protection.
- If you want to apply for temporary protection, visit the police or the border control authorities in person and tell them that you wish to apply for temporary protection.
- You are entitled to the reception and healthcare services you need, and you can apply for reception allowance or spending money.
- You will have the right to work and study as soon as you register your application for temporary protection with the police or a border control authority.
 - During registration, the police or border control authority will provide you with a printed certificate proving your right to work. Your right to work is unrestricted, meaning that you can find employment in any field. Keep the copy of the certificate you receive for yourself.
 - If you have already applied for temporary protection but have not received a certificate from the police or border control authority, we can send you the certificate by email. Send your request for the certificate to migri@migri.fi. If you don't yet have employment and have no need for a certificate, you can simply wait for the decision on your application.

About asylum applications

- The possibility to apply for asylum is intended for situations where you have a fear of being personally persecuted in your home country or country of permanent residence for reasons of ethnic origin, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion **and cannot** receive the protection of your home country or country of permanent residence.
- You can apply for asylum at any time even if you already have received temporary protection. You can also apply for asylum after your residence permit based on temporary protection expires.
- If you want to seek asylum, go see the police or the border control authorities in person and tell them that you wish to apply for asylum.
- The Finnish Immigration Service will suspend the processing of your asylum application for the period when your residence permit based on temporary protection is valid.

Read more at

- migri.fi/temporary-protection
- poliisi.fi/en/police-contact-details-for-asylum-seekers