

SUPPORT TO UKRAINIANS

WEEKLY UPDATE #6

Monday 9 May 2022

| # | TOPIC | DETAILS |
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| 1 | CUAET | <p>Here is updated data for the Ukraine Authorisation for Emergency Travel program for the period 17 Mar to 4 May 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Applications received: 204,227 (13% increase since last week).➤ Applications approved: 91,482 (29% increase since last week). <p>Reference: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/ukraine-measures/key-figures.html</p> |
| 2 | Canada expands overseas services for Ukrainians | <p>On May 4, 2022, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced the launch of the new Canada Information Centre (CI Centre) in Warsaw, Poland. The CI Centre will offer in-person information services to Ukrainian applicants. Located within the new Canadian Biometric Operations Centre (CBOC) at the Global EXPO Centrum in Warsaw, the CI Centre will provide clients with essential information in Ukrainian, English and French on what to expect when coming to Canada, including guidance on pre- and post-arrival services and support. Key services that will be available to all Ukrainians and their dependents as they settle into their new communities in Canada include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• language training,• information on life in Canada, such as enrolling children in school, |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information and services to help access the labour market, including mentoring, networking and career counselling, • activities that promote connections with communities, and • services for women, seniors, youth and LGBTQ2+ individuals. <p>Here is the full news release: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2022/05/canada-expands-overseas-services-for-ukrainians.html</p> <p>Here are some associated links of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada’s response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine • How Canada is helping – Russian invasion of Ukraine • Ukraine immigration measures: Key figures • Immigration measures for people affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine • Find free newcomer services near you • Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel • Ukrainian measures: Prepare to travel to and settle in Canada • Backgrounder: Additional immigration support for those affected by the situation in Ukraine (available in Ukrainian) • Sign up for email updates on the situation in Ukraine |
| 3 | Federal Charter flights | <p>Here is a 5 May 2022 news highlighting the challenges in setting up the charter flights to bring Ukrainians to Canada.</p> <p>OTTAWA — Transport Minister Omar Alghabra says Canadian airlines are standing by to help bring charter flights of Ukrainian refugees to Canada as soon as some logistical hurdles are overcome.</p> |

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| | | <p>More than five million Ukrainians fled their home country to elsewhere in Europe after Russia launched its invasion in late February.</p> <p>The federal government has set up some specific immigration programs to help Ukrainians who want to come to Canada, either temporarily or permanently.</p> <p>Alghabra said last month that Ottawa had deals with airlines to bring charter flights to Canada. He says today that it is proving harder than expected to pull flights together because the refugees are not all in the same place.</p> <p>Alghabra says many are also no longer in the location they were when they applied for a Canadian visa, making it more challenging to arrange air transfers.</p> <p>This report by The Canadian Press was first published May 5, 2022.</p> <p>The Canadian Press</p> <p>Reference: https://www.thestar.com/politics/2022/05/05/alghabra-says-logistical-challenges-delaying-charter-flights-for-ukrainian-refugees.html</p> |
| 4 | Newfoundland and Labrador Charter Flight | <p>The first flight of Ukrainian refugees bound for Canada (organised by Newfoundland and Labrador) is scheduled to land in St. John’s on Monday 9 May. The flight will be carrying about 175 refugees, with the vast majority women and children. For more info:</p> <p>https://vocm.com/2022/05/03/first-flight-of-ukrainian-refugees-bound-for-canada-landing-in-st-johns/</p> <p>https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/first-flight-ukrane-refugees-1.6441378</p> |

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| 5 | Survey | <p>Since last week's update, an additional 4 individuals/couples have indicated an interest in supporting this initiative; the total is now 45 individuals/couples. As a result, the focus area breakdown is now as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundraising: 10 2. Employment: 1 3. Housing: 4 (2 long term/2 short term) 4. Welcoming: 20 5. Transportation: 12 6. Health: 4 7. Schooling: 3 8. Social/recreation: 9 9. Orientation: 8 10. Financial: 16 11. General support: 12 12. In-kind donations: 16 |
| 6 | South Shuswap Scoop article | <p>“Just Bring Them & We’ll Be Ready” is the title of the article written by Jerre Paquette, a freelance writer for the Scoop, and published in the 6 May edition (pages 22 and 23). Paper copies are available at various locations within the area (such as the Blind Bay Village Grocer and the Cedar Heights Community Centre mailboxes). In case you do not have access to a paper copy, here is the Scoop website:</p> <p>https://shuswapscoop.ca/</p> |
| 7 | GoFundMe | <p>\$1,155. raised to date; a \$120. increase since last week.</p> <p>https://gofund.me/2bcbd1f9</p> |