



## Welcome to Switzerland and in the Canton of Zurich

You had to flee Ukraine and have found protection in the Canton of Zurich. With this information sheet we inform you about the possibilities to arrange your stay in the Canton of Zurich on a provisional basis.

### Period of stay not requiring a permit

As a Ukrainian national, you can stay in the Schengen area and thus in the Canton of Zurich without a permit for 90 days. To extend your stay beyond these 90 days, the following options are available:

#### 1. Extension of the period of stay not requiring a permit at the Migration Office

Until you receive the Protection Status “S”, you can extend your stay not requiring a permit of 90 days. To do this, proceed as follows:

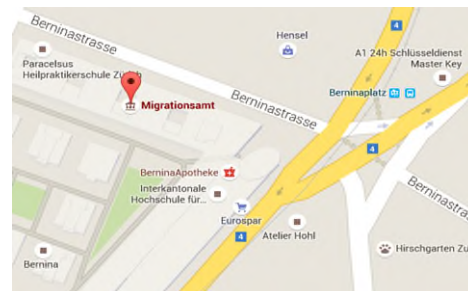
- please visit the counter of the Migration Office of the Canton of Zurich at the earliest two weeks before the expiry of your permit-free stay.
- bring proof of identity (passport, identity card) with you when you go to the Migration Office.
- the Migration Office will issue a visa for you that entitles you to a further stay of 90 days. This visa can be renewed after expiry.

Migration Office (“Migrationsamt”)  
Berninastrasse 45  
P.O. Box  
8090 Zurich

Phone: 043 259 88 00  
Homepage: [zh.ch/ma](http://zh.ch/ma)

Opening hours telephone  
Monday to Friday: 08.00 to 12.00  
13.00 to 16.30

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The Migration Office is easily accessible by public transport. Take tram No. 10 or 14 to Berninaplatz. From there it is only a short walk to our counter at Berninastrasse 45.

#### 2. Protection Status “S” by the Confederation

Switzerland intends to introduce the Protection Status “S” for Ukrainian citizens and their family members who were resident in Ukraine before 24 February 2022. The Swiss government is expected to decide on the definitive introduction of this Protection Status on 11 March 2022.

With the Protection Status “S”, Ukrainian citizens receive the right of residence, accommodation, support, and medical care without having to undergo the standard asylum process. It also allows you to bring family members to join you and to take up gainful employment. Children can go to school.

Persons with Protection Status “S” receive a corresponding ID card, which is limited to one year and can be extended.

As soon as the Swiss government has decided on the application of the protection status and the procedure for granting temporary protection “S” has been clarified, we will contact you and inform you about the further procedure.

### **3. Submitting a residence application to the municipality**

If you meet the admission requirements for a residence permit under the law on foreign nationals (short-term residence permit or residence permit), you can register with the municipality of your place of residence and submit a residence application through them. The Migration Office will then examine the application. Possible options are

- applications for family reunification (spouses, minor children), provided the spouse has a permit under the law on foreign nationals (L, B or C permit) or is a Swiss citizen,
- applications for preparation for marriage,
- applications from students (provided that the certificate of enrolment from the University or University of Applied Sciences is presented).

### **4. Asylum application with the Federal Asylum Centre (“Bundesasylzentrum”)**

Regardless of the three options described above for settling your stay in Switzerland, you have the option of submitting an asylum application at any time. You can apply for asylum directly at one of the six Federal Asylum Centres. In the Canton of Zurich, you will find the Federal Asylum Centre at the following address:

#### Contact

Asylum applications  
Federal Asylum Centre  
Zurich  
Duttweilerstrasse 11  
8005 Zurich

Phone: 058 480 14 80



If you come by public transport, take tram No. 4 (bound for Altstetten Station) from Zurich Main Station (Bahnhofquai/Hauptbahnhof) and get off at “Toni-Areal”.