

### **On the Stay of Ukrainian citizens in the Republic of Belarus**

In order to preserve and develop friendly relations between the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine, as well as to provide assistance to Ukrainian citizens who find themselves in a difficult situation:

1. To establish that:

1.1. Ukrainian citizens and stateless persons who had been residing on the territory of Donetsk and Lugansk regions of Ukraine, as a general rule, at least for a year and arrived to the Republic of Belarus to obtain permits for temporary or permanent residence (hereinafter – Ukrainian citizens) shall be exempt from:

- payment of the state fee for a permit for temporary residence in the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter – permit for temporary residence), a permit for permanent residence in the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter – permit for permanent residence), the issuance of a permanent residence document<sup>1</sup> to a foreign citizen in the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter – residence permit document);
- providing the documents necessary for making the decision to grant Ukrainian citizens a permit for temporary residence, a permit for permanent residence, residence permit document, if there is no possibility to present such documents due objective reasons;
- payment for medical services provided by the state health institutions:
  - related to the issuance of a medical health certificate confirming the absence of a disease included in the list of diseases that can present significant threat to public health security;
  - related to the issuance of a medical health certificate while undergoing mandatory preliminary medical examinations (applying for a job);
  - related to the adults and children's preventive vaccination;
  - related to the clinical observation of pregnant women;

1.2. Employers of the Republic of Belarus hiring Ukrainian citizens to work in the Republic of Belarus:

- shall be exempt from the payment of the state fee for the issuance of foreign labor work permits and special permits in the Republic of Belarus. The time period for the decision to grant (or refusal to grant) special work permits to Ukrainian citizens in the Republic of Belarus cannot exceed five working days, and the time period providing the conclusion on the possibility (or impossibility) of hiring – two working days;
- have the right to hire Ukrainian citizens without going through the established procedure of the education documents' recognition issued by educational institutions and other organizations in Ukraine;

1.3. Authorized officials of the Border Guard Service have the right to passage through the State Border of the Republic of Belarus of Ukrainian citizens without valid documents required for entry to the Republic of Belarus and (or) departure from the Republic of Belarus, based on the decision of the Chairman of the State Border Committee, or persons authorized by the Chairman in exceptional cases related to emergencies, or to ensure the national interests of the Republic of Belarus;

1.4. Minor Ukrainian citizens temporarily residing in the Republic of Belarus have the right to pre-school, secondary, and special education on a par with underage citizens of the Republic of Belarus;

1.5. Minor Ukrainian citizens shall be exempted from the provision of the documents necessary for a decision on admission to educational institutions, and other organizations, which are entitled in accordance with the law to provide pre-school, secondary, and special education, as well as the documents required for a decision to provide social protection to students, in case of the absence of an objective opportunity to submit such documents;

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<sup>1</sup> This is a document issued to foreigners as a confirmation of the fact that they have permit for permanent residence in Belarus.

1.6. Educational institution shall accept Ukrainian citizens to receive (continue receiving) vocational, secondary special, and stage I higher education at the expense of national and (or) local budgets or on the terms of payment provided to the citizens of the Republic of Belarus, in case of availability of vacancies, in accordance with the acceptance plans, based on interviews conducted in the manner and on the conditions determined by the educational institutions, and in case Ukrainian citizens provide documents confirming living and studying in Donetsk and Lugansk regions of Ukraine;

1.7. Labor, employment and social protection commission that appoints state benefits to the families with children, and temporary disability benefits, of the local executive and administrative bodies, organizations of any legal forms, has the right to make decisions on the appointment of state benefits to Ukrainian citizens in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Belarus, in case of the absence of objective possibility to obtain the documents or evidence to support the receipt (non-receipt) of the allowances and other payments by the families with children, on the territory of Ukraine.

2. The region executive committees shall provide assistance to Ukrainian citizens with accommodation and employment, taking into account the demographic and economic situation in the regions.

3. The State Control Committee shall be entrusted with control over the use of budget funds allocated for the implementation of the present Ordinance.

4. The Ordinance shall enter into force after its official publication.