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Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees Eligible for ORR Benefits and Services

Policy Letter 22-13

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The purpose of this policy letter (PL) is to inform ORR grantees that as of May 21, 2022, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (AUSAA) authorizes ORR to provide resettlement assistance and other benefits available for refugees to specific Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals in response to their displacement from Ukraine and entry into the United States.

I. **New categories of ORR-eligible Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine**

- A. Citizens or nationals of Ukraine who the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit, known as Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHPs).
- B. Non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who DHS has paroled into the United States between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, due to urgent humanitarian reasons or for significant public benefit.
- C. A spouse or child¹ of an individual described in section I.A. or I.B. who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.
- D. A parent, legal guardian, or primary caregiver of an unaccompanied refugee minor² or an unaccompanied child³ described in section I.A. or I.B. who is paroled into the United States after September 30, 2023.

II. **Services**

A. **Mainstream and ORR Refugee Benefits and Services**

Populations listed above are eligible to receive mainstream benefits (e.g., Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,

¹ As defined in section 101(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (8 U.S.C. § 1101(b))

² An individual determined to be an unaccompanied refugee minor under section 412(d)(2)(B) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1522(d)(2)(B))

³ An individual determined to be an unaccompanied child under section 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2))

Supplemental Security Income), resettlement assistance, and other benefits available to refugees,⁴ with the exception of an initial resettlement program funded under section 412(b)(1) of the Refugee Act.⁵

B. AUSAA-funded Benefits and Services

Populations listed above are also eligible for AUSAA-funded benefits and services, for the timeframe indicated.

C. Benefits and Services for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors and Unaccompanied Children

1. Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program

Any citizen or national of Ukraine or other non-Ukrainian individual who last habitually resided in Ukraine and is defined as an unaccompanied child under section 462(g)(2) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. § 279(g)(2)), (hereinafter referred to as Unaccompanied Ukrainian Minors, or UUMs) is eligible to apply for ORR's URM program (8 U.S.C. § 1522(d)(2)).⁶ UUMs who enter the URM program are eligible to receive URM services to the same extent as refugees in the URM program.

2. Unaccompanied Children (UC) Program

Prior to or instead of entering the URM program, UUMs may enter ORR custody through the UC program.⁷ Those UUMs released to family or sponsors rather than entering the URM program are eligible for mainstream and ORR refugee benefits upon release from the ORR UC program's custody.

3. Immigration-Related Legal Assistance

UUMs in the URM program or who have been referred to ORR custody in the UC program will be eligible to receive immigration-related legal assistance, with the purpose of adjusting to a lawful immigration status or category that will enable the UUM to remain in the United States after their parole expires.

III. Acceptable documents for new categories of ORR-eligible Ukrainian populations and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine

ORR Policy Letter (PL) 16-01, *Documentation Requirements for the Refugee Resettlement Program*, announced a documentation guide, *Status and Documentation Requirements for the ORR Refugee Resettlement Program* ("Documentation Guide"), that outlines the statuses and categories that confer eligibility for ORR's Refugee Resettlement Program benefits and the documentation that is needed to show an individual is eligible.

⁴ Refugees who are admitted to the United States under section 207 of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1157).

⁵ As cited within the AUSAA: "the program of initial resettlement authorized by section 412(b)(1) of the INA (8 U.S.C. § 1522(b)(1))."

⁶ The URM program is a specialized foster care program for ORR-eligible children who do not have a parent or relative available to provide care. For more information, see <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/urm/about>.

⁷ The UC program provides care and placement services for unaccompanied children. For more information, see <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/ucs/about>.

In addition to the acceptable documents listed for Ukrainian refugees and asylees within ORR PL 16-01’s Documentation Guide, the following chart lists the newly eligible applicants and corresponding acceptable documents. All other elements of ORR PL 16-01, including its attached Documentation Guide, as amended by the Frequently Asked Questions document, remain unchanged and in effect.

Immigration Status or Category of Applicant	Acceptable Documentation
Ukrainian citizen or national who received humanitarian parole (known as a Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee, or UHP)	Form I-94 noting humanitarian parole (per INA section 212(d)(5) or 8 U.S.C. § 1182(d)(5)) Or Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting “DT” Or Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Uniting for Ukraine or “U4U” Or Foreign passport with DHS/CBP admission stamp noting Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee or “UHP” Or Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) receipt notice with code C11 Or Form I-766 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) with the code C11
A non-Ukrainian individual who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole	Any one of the forms or stamps listed above for UHPs And Documentation of last habitual residence in Ukraine ⁸

IV. Period of eligibility for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine

The initial date of eligibility for UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine for ORR benefits and services is May 21, 2022, or the individual’s date of humanitarian parole, whichever is later.

If an individual from either of these populations was paroled and entered the United States between February 24, 2022, and May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is May 21, 2022. If they entered the United States after May 21, 2022, their date of eligibility is their date of humanitarian parole.

⁸ Acceptable documentation indicating last habitual residency in Ukraine includes an original Ukrainian government-issued document, such as a current driver’s license or identification card. For documentation outside of these examples, contact the Refugee Policy Unit at Refugee.Eligibility@acf.hhs.gov.

UHPs and other non-Ukrainian individuals displaced from Ukraine are eligible for ORR benefits and services until the end of the individual's parole term, unless otherwise amended by law or the individual gains another ORR-eligible category or status.

If a UHP or other non-Ukrainian individual displaced from Ukraine applies for and obtains Temporary Protected Status (TPS), the individual will remain eligible for ORR benefits and services until the end of the individual's parole term, due to their underlying receipt of humanitarian parole per INA section 212(d)(5). Note, however, that an individual with only TPS and no underlying humanitarian parole is not eligible for ORR benefits and services.

If you have questions about the information contained in this PL, contact ORR's Refugee Policy Unit at RefugeeEligibility@acf.hhs.gov.

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