

Social and employment support for Ukrainian civilians in Latvia

Benefit in situation of crisis

One-off payment of EUR 272 for an adult and EUR 190 for a child

Note: for LV nationals the amount of this benefit is set at the local level and ranges from EUR 40 – 1000 depending on the municipality of residence.

Guaranteed minimum income benefit

The same amounts as for LV nationals (but without means test till 31 August 2022) – EUR 109 for the first person and EUR 76 for each subsequent person in a household a month

Other support and social services

The same conditions as for LV nationals (but without means test till 31 August 2022) – according to the individual needs, including:

Home care and community-based services for children with disabilities and adults with mental health impairments

Sign language interpreter (up to 120 h per year, the same amount as for LV nationals)

Social rehabilitation for persons with vision and hearing impairments

Long term care in institution for persons with severe functional impairments and care need

Specific support services for Ukrainian civilians:

Social rehabilitation 24-hour service, if needed due to a psycho-emotional condition (max 30 days)

Mobility support for persons with functional impairments

Technical aids for persons with functional impairments from Ukraine provided as a matter of priority

Parking cards for persons with disabilities issued based on a Ukrainian document certifying disability status (for Disability Group I and children with disabilities)

Accommodation and meals

Accommodation up to EUR 20 per person a day and 100% of costs for meals for up to 90 days

Note: it refers to accommodation and meals organised and ensured by local governments. Compensation mechanism for private households accommodating Ukrainian civilians is being elaborated.

Packages of food and hygiene items within FEAD

The same conditions as for LV nationals, including additional specific packages for families with small children and school-age children.

A single person can receive the following once every three months:

- 2 food packages;
- 1 package of hygiene articles and household items;
- 2 additional children food packages if family has small children aged 7 to 24 months;
- 1 additional package of hygiene articles if family has small children aged up to 2 years.

Family benefits

The same amounts as for LV nationals:

- 1) Childbirth allowance (one-off) – EUR 421.17 for each child born in Latvia,
- 2) Childcare allowance (monthly) – EUR 171 for a child aged up to 18 months and EUR 42.69 for a child aged 18 months to 2 years,
- 3) State family benefit (monthly):
 - EUR 25 for families with one child,
 - EUR 100 for families with two children,
 - EUR 225 for families with three children,
 - 100 EUR for every child for families with four and more children

Note: childbirth allowance is paid to Ukrainian civilians if a child is born in Latvia after 24 February 2022. Childcare allowance and state family benefit are paid to Ukrainian civilians residing with their children in Latvia after the issue of a residence document, starting not earlier as from 5 March 2022.

Childcare services

The same conditions as for LV nationals:

- Free of charge in municipal pre-school institutions,
- If no place in municipal institutions, a compensation is paid for attending private pre-school institutions or using childminder's services (amount of compensation set at the local level)

Support for emergency guardians

Emergency guardians of unaccompanied minors from Ukraine receive:

- Remuneration (monthly) for an emergency guardian – EUR 171 irrespectively of the number of children,
- Subsistence benefit (monthly) for meals – EUR 215 for a child under 7 years and EUR 258 for a child aged 7 – 18 years,
- Other support needed for acquiring household items, clothes, etc. (amount and procedures set at the local level)

Note: LV nationals (existing guardians, foster families, guest families or adopters, or persons accommodating unaccompanied children from Ukraine) or Ukrainian civilians (persons arriving with unaccompanied children in Latvia) may become emergency guardians.

Employment support

Employment support for Ukrainian civilians includes:

- Job search assistance provided by the public employment service as for LV nationals,
- Relaxed conditions for employment (no labour market test, liberalised rules for employment in specific sectors, without proof of Latvian language proficiency, etc.),
- One-off payment of EUR 500 when starting employment,
- The employer will be allowed to employ Ukrainian civilians without knowledge of the Latvian language, insofar as it does not interfere with performance of the work duties,
- Exceptions to work in certain regulated professions, for example, as medical practitioners.

Insurance based benefits

The right to the same social insurance services as the residents of Latvia, if the mandatory state social insurance contributions have been made. Both the residents of Latvia and the civilian population of Ukraine are subject to the conditions of the qualification period for certain benefits:

- No qualification period for sickness benefit to care for a sick child under 14 years,
- No qualification period for sickness benefit and insurance indemnity in case of accident at work,
- Qualification period at least 3 months within the last 6 months or 6 months within the last 24 months for sickness, maternity, paternity and parental benefits,
- Qualification period at least 12 months within the last 16 months for unemployment benefit

More information:

<https://www.lm.gov.lv/en/social-support-citizens-ukraine>