

Resources for Ukrainians arriving in Nova Scotia



Nova Scotians want people arriving from Ukraine to be welcomed in our communities and have access to resources for families to succeed.

Labour, Skills and Immigration has been working with key stakeholders, such as [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada](#) (IRCC), Nova Scotia branch of the [Ukrainian Canadian Congress](#) (UCC), [Canadian Red Cross](#), [YREACH](#) and [Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia](#) (ISANS) to coordinate the information needed and make new and existing resources accessible for newcomers and Nova Scotians.

The [Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel](#) (CUAET) will allow Ukrainians and their immediate family members of any nationality to stay in Canada as temporary residents for up to three years. This is not a refugee stream, and those wishing to immigrate to Canada permanently can apply for a permanent residence stream.

Coordination, Marketing and Access to Resources

This [webpage](#) supports Ukraine Nationals who need assistance and Nova Scotians wanting to help. YMCA/YREACH now staffs a dedicated Coordinator to manage the collaboration and communication of these efforts.

LSI will be offering a webinar for employers interested in hiring Ukrainians and learning more about the resources available.

A Nova Scotia webinar for Ukrainian Nationals on immigrating to the province will be available on [Ukraine Canadian Congress' \(UCC\) website](#).

Information about Nova Scotia's provincial immigration pathways can be found on [novascotiainmigration.com](#). LSI will expedite immigration applications for Ukrainians.

Employment

The Canadian Job Bank has a new [Jobs for Ukraine](#) section where employers have identified and posted jobs. [Nova Scotia Works](#) sites are another key resource to help Ukrainians find employment.

Airport Welcome

To welcome and provide information to the people of Ukraine travelling into Nova Scotia, LSI is hosting a booth at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ).

Settlement Services

[Settlement services](#) are available to Ukrainians.

- Language training
- Orientation to life in Canada
- Employment readiness

- Connections with communities
- Pre-arrival
- Needs assessment
- Case Management
- Settlement services are available at no cost to the client

Additional Resources

Social Insurance Number

Apply for a [Canadian Social Insurance Number](#) (SIN) to work and access some government programs.

Banking

All major [banks](#) have special programs to support newcomers to set up their bank account and access financial services.

Health

People moving to Nova Scotia from outside the country who hold a work permit or employment contract that is valid for a minimum of 12 months upon their arrival are eligible to apply for MSI when they arrive, provided they have signed a declaration. Apply for a Health Card, [Nova Scotia Medical Service Insurance](#) (MSI). MSI also includes eligibility for the province's Pharmacare programs.

Education

Public education is free for children in Nova Scotia. With a [study permit](#) children can be [enrolled in school](#) and options for post-secondary education at universities and colleges throughout Nova Scotia are available.

- [Nova Scotia's Public School System](#)
- [Universities and Colleges in Nova Scotia | Post-Secondary Education \(mysfuture.ca\)](#)

Childcare

Licensed childcare facilities can be found around the province. [Search](#) facilities based on community.