

The U.S. Government is continuing to closely monitor events and carefully assess conditions in Ukraine. The safety and security of U.S. citizens overseas and their immediate family members remain our top priority.

## **INFORMATION FOR U.S. CITIZENS AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENTS (GREEN CARD HOLDERS)**

If you are currently in Slovakia and require consular services (U.S. passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad), please email [ConsulBratislava@state.gov](mailto:ConsulBratislava@state.gov) or call +421 2 5443 0861. The Consular Section is located at Hviezdoslavovo nam. 4, 811 02 Bratislava, Slovakia.

U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents still in Ukraine should immediately depart Ukraine by any means possible. U.S. citizens in Ukraine should be aware that the U.S. government is not able to evacuate U.S. citizens from within Ukraine. Please see links below for detailed information:

- [Department of State Ukraine Information Page](#)
- [U.S. Embassy in Poland](#) (Primary post handling U.S. citizen evacuees.)
- [U.S. Embassy in Slovakia](#)
- [U.S. Embassy in Romania](#)

U.S. citizens who choose to remain in Ukraine and do not depart immediately, as advised, should complete [this online form](#), so we may communicate with you. We encourage U.S. citizens to enroll in the Department of State's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#). STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates and makes it easier for the U.S. Embassy to contact you in an emergency.

The U.S. Department of State has established a 24-hour call center for U.S. citizens seeking safety in Ukraine. The call center may be reached at +1 606 260 4379 (outside the U.S.) or +1 833 741 2777 (from the U.S.).

## **U.S. IMMIGRANT VISA INFORMATION**

Immigrant Visa (IV) cases that were already approved and pending with U.S. Embassy Kyiv have been automatically transferred to the U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt, Germany – the primary consulate handling all Kyiv IV cases. Please

email [FrankfurtVisaInquiries@state.gov](mailto:FrankfurtVisaInquiries@state.gov), and use subject line: "C22 - UKRAINE – FULL NAME".

If both the petitioner and applicant(s) are physically present in Slovakia please contact [BratislavaIV@state.gov](mailto:BratislavaIV@state.gov) to discuss your options.

**If you are a U.S. citizen with a Ukrainian fiancée/fiancé in SLOVAKIA seeking to travel to the United States on a K-1 visa:**

You ***must have*** an approved I-129F from United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) before applying for a K-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad. If you filed an I-129F petition with USCIS that has not yet been approved, you can request an expedite for USCIS processing at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/filing-guidance/how-to-make-an-expedite-request>.

U.S. consulates and embassies are not authorized to accept locally filed I-129F petitions.

**If you are a U.S. citizen seeking to file an I-130 on behalf of your IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY (spouse, children, or parents):**

If you have not yet filed an I-130 petition but wish to do so, you may contact U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt at [frnuscisinquiries@state.gov](mailto:frnuscisinquiries@state.gov) to request local filing in Frankfurt. Please note that Frankfurt is only accepting I-130 petitions **filed by U.S. citizens on behalf of their spouse, child(ren) (under age 21) or parent(s)**.

Both the petitioner and the applicant(s) must be physically present in Germany. In extremely urgent circumstances, U.S. Consular Section Bratislava will consider accepting local filing. Contact [BratislavaIV@state.gov](mailto:BratislavaIV@state.gov) to discuss your case.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** IV applications can take 1 – 2 weeks or longer to process. Applicants must be prepared to financially support their stay while in Slovakia, including all required visa fees, mandatory medical exam fees, lodging and transportation costs, etc. **The Embassy does NOT provide financial assistance to IV applicants.**

## NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

Before applying for a nonimmigrant visa (NIV), consider carefully whether you are qualified for the visa you intend to apply for. Nonimmigrant visas are for **temporary stays** in the United States and are not for refugees. There are no nonimmigrant visas for refugees. If you apply for a nonimmigrant visa but do not intend to leave the United States, your application will be refused.

**ALL VISA FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, regardless of outcome.**

If you are not qualified for a nonimmigrant visa, you may wish to refer to the humanitarian assistance information below.

Begin by carefully reading this website for information about B1/B2 visitor visas: <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/sk/>

If you wish to apply for a visitor's visa, click on the link below to complete the application, pay the visa fee and schedule your appointment (as a resident applicant). Please note we have a very long wait time for B1/B2 visa appointments: [Apply for a U.S. Visa | Apply for a Visa - Slovakia \(English\) \(ustraveldocs.com\)](#)

## REFUGEE, ASYLUM AND HUMANITARIAN PAROLE

The U.S. Embassy in Bratislava does not process applications for U.S. refugees.

- **There are no visas for refugees for travel to the United States.**
- **You cannot claim asylum from outside the United States.**

In almost all cases, persons seeking refugee status must apply through local authorities first, in this case Slovakia. Please visit the **UNHCR Slovakia** website (Ukrainian, Russian, English, Slovak): [UNHCR Slovakia – Help for refugees and asylum-seekers](#)

**Майже всі справи про біженців в іноземних країнах спочатку розглядаються місцевою владою, у даному випадку словацьким урядом. Будь ласка, відвідайте веб-сайт UNHCR Slovakia (українська, російська, англійська, німецька): [UNHCR Slovakia – Help for refugees and asylum-seekers](#)**

Visit the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration (USCIS) website pages below for more information about U.S. refugee, asylum, and Humanitarian Parole options:

- <https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/refugees-and-asylum/refugees>
- <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options/humanitarian-parole>

### **CLAIMING ASYLUM IN SLOVAKIA**

The **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** offers help to foreign citizens already settled in Slovakia, those seeking to resettle in Slovakia, and those seeking to return from Slovakia to their country of origin:

<https://www.mic.iom.sk/en/news/758-info-ukraine.html>

Individual consultations are available through their office.

IOM Migration Information Center

Grosslingova 35

Bratislava

Infoline: +421 850 211 478

Email: mic@iom.int

Website: mic.iom.sk

If a refugee is already part of a resettlement program in Slovakia, please refer inquiries to the **Migration Office of the Slovak Republic**.

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General information for Ukrainians entering Slovakia:

- <https://sk.usembassy.gov/information-on-entering-slovakia-through-the-external-non-schengen-border/>
- <https://ua.gov.sk/en.html>
- <https://www.ukraineslovakia.sk/en/z-ukrajiny-na-slovensko-english/>