

Guide to obtaining the Temporary Protection permit

If you are a Ukrainian citizen or coming from a region affected by the conflict in Ukraine, you may be eligible for temporary protection in Romania. This status gives you the legal right to reside, work, access healthcare, and benefit from social assistance in Romania, at least until March 4, 2026.

The temporary protection permit is issued by the General Inspectorate for Immigration (IGI). It is an official national document that certifies you are legally registered in Romania as a beneficiary of temporary protection.

Already have a temporary protection permit? Update it!

If you already have the permit, it is very important to update it and make sure it includes the complete address of your residence in Romania. Without this information, you may not be eligible for some social benefits and services offered by the state (e.g. integration assistance, health insurance card, financial support, etc.).

The update is done at the local IGI office. You can find contact details, addresses, and office hours for IGI branches here: <https://igi.mai.gov.ro/contact/>

Documents needed to obtain the permit

To apply for the temporary protection permit, you must provide the following:

- **Identity document:** This can be a passport, ID card, driver's license, or any other official document with a photo
- **Proof of your previous status in Ukraine:** If applicable, such as a permanent residence permit, documents showing international protection, etc.
- **Family relationship documents (if applicable):** Such as a birth certificate, marriage certificate, family record book, etc.

How to prove your residence in Romania

To have your full address included on the residence permit, you must present one of the following documents proving you live legally at a specific address in Romania:

- **Property title** (e.g. sale-purchase contract, donation, inheritance document)
- **Commodate contract** (free-use agreement) authenticated by a notary public in Romania
- **Rental contract** registered with the ANAF (tax authority), the landlord must register it
- **Other legal documents** that confirm your legal right to stay in the space
- **Official declaration from a shelter or public institution**, if you live in a social center or are hosted by a public authority

What if you don't have a residence document?

Don't worry, if you currently do not have documents proving your residence, the permit can still be issued with an incomplete address, meaning it will only list the locality and county (or district in Bucharest). However, it's strongly recommended to update your permit with a full address as soon as possible in order to fully benefit from social support and public services.

Important notes

- The permit is free of charge and is issued quickly once your documents are verified
- You do not need a lawyer, interpreter, or to pay any fees
- You can go in person to the IGI office in the area where you live or are hosted