



Department of Social Protection supports for Ukrainian minors arriving in Ireland under the EU Temporary Protection Directive

Introduction

The Department of Social Protection (DSP) is providing support and services to assist people covered by this Directive who are fleeing Ukraine and who arrive in Ireland. The Department has published information on gov.ie in both Ukrainian and Russian and interpretive services are available in all our Reception Centres and Offices. All applicants who have temporary protection status will be deemed to have satisfied the habitual residence conditions to access social welfare payments.

What income support payments can a person caring for a Ukrainian minor apply for?

There are a range of income supports that a person caring for a minor (age 17 and under) may be eligible for, depending on their circumstances:

- **Child Benefit** is paid to a parent or guardian for each child aged under 16 years. The rate of payment is €140 a month for each child. Child Benefit can also be paid for children aged 16 and 17 if they are in full-time education or full-time training or have additional needs and cannot support themselves.
- **Increase for qualified child** A person in receipt of a Social Welfare payment can apply for an increase for qualified child by contacting the relevant scheme area. The weekly rate is €40 for a child under age 12 and €48 for a child age 12 and over.
- **Supplementary Welfare Allowance (SWA) scheme** includes a range of payments which are available through the Community Welfare Service:
 - **Basic Supplementary Welfare Allowance** is a weekly payment to people who do not have enough means to meet their needs and those of their qualified adult or qualified children.
 - **Other Supplement Payment** is a payment in which support can be provided on a weekly basis where a child is eligible for temporary protection but is not a qualified child for another DSP claim. An application can be made by the child and co-signed by the adult to whom the payment, if eligible could be nominated. The rate of payment will be similar to that payable under the increase for a qualified child.
 - **Additional Needs Payments** are available to help with expenses that cannot be met from weekly income. A person may get this payment even if they are not getting a social welfare payment. It also may be available if you are working



and on a low income. The payment amount will depend on a person's weekly household income, their outgoings and the type of assistance needed.

Additional Needs Payments can be provided for:

- the increased cost of fuel and electricity
 - essential repairs to property, including motor vehicles and replacing household appliances and furniture
 - assistance with deposits for private rented accommodation
 - furniture, bedding and other items if setting up a home for the first time
 - funeral costs
 - recurring travel expenses such as for hospital appointments or visiting relatives in hospital or prison
 - food, clothing or shelter in the aftermath of a fire, flood or other emergency
 - other additional exceptional needs as required
- **Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance** is an annual payment to eligible families to assist with the cost of school clothing and footwear. This allowance is paid at the rate of €160 for a child aged 4 to 11, and €285 for a child aged 12-22 in full time education.
- **Working Family Payment** is a means-tested weekly payment available to employees with children. It gives extra financial support to families with children with rates depending on their incomes and family size.
 - **Domiciliary Care Allowance (DCA)** is a monthly allowance payable in respect of children with a severe disability, who require care and attention substantially in excess of that required by other children their age without their disability. There are two rates of payment: Full rate of €309.50 and half rate of €154.75. The payment stops at age 16.
 - **Disability Allowance (DA)** is a means tested weekly allowance paid to people with a disability who are aged over 16 and under 66.

Useful links:

[Gov.ie/Ukraine](https://www.gov.ie/ukraine) – a dedicated site with information on the Irish government's response to the Ukraine crisis, and all the government supports available

[Gov.ie/dsp/Ukraine](https://www.gov.ie/dsp/ukraine) – a page with information on all social welfare supports for those affected, this information is available in both the Ukrainian and Russian languages

[gov.ie/findyourintreo](https://www.gov.ie/findyourintreo) – this directory gives a list of the locations, contact details and opening hours of all our offices including the dedicated Ukraine Support Centres

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