

Visa Guidance from Joanna Jasiewicz

Below you may find a link to start the visa application process:

<https://apply.visas-immigration.service.gov.uk/has-international-ukrainian-passport>

An online visa application is required per each connected guest (whether an adult or a child) and host. Either the host can complete it on their and the guest's behalf (if the guest is an adult), or vice versa.

Below you may find a link to a document with guidance that may be useful, prepared by a host who submitted an application at the end of March on behalf of a mother and her two children (the mother had a passport, the kids had only birth certificates):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-ZtweSrvtQrmvyGb8EWD06kpHbToV0_V/edit

This document has been offered on the UK Charity Asylum Welcome website:

<https://www.asylum-welcome.org/ukraine-support/>

Practically speaking, it may be sensible for the host and the guest(s) to access the list of questions required in the application process, arrange a phone or virtual call if possible, and go through the questions together. The guest(s) and the host will need to agree who will type in the answers in the online application form and upload the documents requested at the end of the online application process. Whoever does that, will need the information from the other person so a level of trust is needed.

The list of questions asked in the online visa application can be accessed here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g9vj0gnSI4B-fQqOREaFHTWwVghNhEQ0/view> (source of the document: Charity Asylum Welcome <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/ukraine-support/> with the caveat that the process may change and the list of questions might no longer be 100% accurate).

It is also possible to complete the application together in a sense that the host and guest(s) are all on the phone or virtually on Zoom or Skype etc., while one of them types in the information. The person who completes the form could be sharing their screen so that the other person sees the process. If the understanding of English of the guest is limited they may need a friend who can speak English to help them.

More information about the visa process, guidance for the hosts, and frequently asked questions can be accessed on the following government websites:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-visa-under-the-ukraine-sponsorship-scheme>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-sponsor-guidance>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-scheme-frequently-asked-questions>