

we would like to inform you that yesterday (23 January 2023) Amendment No. 20/2023 Coll. has been published in the Collection of Laws and which, among other things, amends the so-called lex Ukraine (i.e. Act No. 65/2022 Sb.). The key part is the extension of temporary protection and toleration visas issued in connection with the war conflict in Ukraine.

### **Extension of temporary protection**

The amendment extends the validity of temporary protection until 31 March 2024. However, the extension requires two steps – online registration and a personal visit at the Ministry.

The registration should be launched on 30 January 2023 and should be divided into the applicant's own registration and the registration of persons under 18 years of age. The registration will be done online via a form where the applicant will also choose the date of the subsequent personal visit to the Ministry office. When registering, it will be necessary to provide personal data, place of reported residence in the Czech Republic, address and name of the school or kindergarten where the child is registered for compulsory attendance, or a link to the person under 18 for whom you are applying for extension of temporary protection. For persons under 18 years of age, the registration is carried out by their responsible representative.

**Registration will have to be completed no later than 31 March 2023**; if the holder of temporary protection fails to register by that date, the temporary protection will expire. The applicant will receive a confirmation of registration by e-mail. From the moment of registration, the fiction of the extension of temporary protection will also apply to persons with temporary protection and will last until 30 September 2023.

The actual affixing of the new visa stamp will then take place during a **personal visit** to the Ministry, which the foreigner must attend on a previously selected date, but **no later than 30 September 2023**.

For a personal visit you need to bring:

1. proof of identity – a valid travel document or other proof of identity (generally anything the person presented when applying for temporary protection);
2. proof of accommodation – not necessary if the applicant is accommodated under the state emergency accommodation system or applied for temporary protection after 27 June 2022 and the place of reported residence has not changed;
3. proof of relationship to a child under 18 years of age - e.g. birth certificate, passport entry, affidavit (more info [here](#)).

With the extension of temporary protection, the visa codes for repeated and extended temporary protection also change:

<b>Existing codes for temporary protection:</b>	<b>for New codes for <u>repeated</u> temporary protection:</b>	<b>New codes for <u>extended</u> temporary protection:</b>
D/DO/667	D/DO/767	D/DO/867
D/DO/668	D/DO/768	D/DO/868
D/DO/669	D/DO/769	D/DO/869

As regards the newly granted temporary protection, as of 1 January 2023, temporary protection will already be granted until 31 March 2024; therefore, the extension of temporary protection will only serve persons who were granted temporary protection in 2022.

### **Extension of the validity of toleration visas**

The toleration visas are automatically extended by law until 31 March 2024; the active participation of the holders of these visas will not be necessary. The automatic extension will be further reflected from the Ministry system to other public administration systems (e.g. health insurance, etc.).

However, it is possible to have a new visa stamp affixed (e.g. for travel purposes), but this must be arranged in advance – by phone or via the [frs.gov.cz](https://frs.gov.cz) website. The new code for an extended or newly issued tolerance visa should be D/SD/91.

According to information from the Ministry, the toleration visa, unlike the previous ones, should now allow holders of these visas to travel outside the Czech Republic without the visa expiring.