

1. Can I drive on my Ukrainian driving licence in Ireland?

Ireland does not have a driving licence recognition arrangement with Ukraine. A refugee who is granted temporary residence in Ireland under the [Temporary Protection Directive](#) is considered, for driver licence purposes, to be resident here. For that reason, you cannot drive on a Ukrainian driver licence and must commence the process of taking out an Irish driving licence to be able to drive.

The RSA and the Department of Transport are engaging with the EU authorities as to whether an EU wide approach can be arrived at as regards Ukrainian driver licence holders who are fleeing their country.

2. Can I exchange my Ukrainian driving licence in Ireland?

Ireland and Ukraine do not have a driver licence exchange agreement. Therefore, a Ukrainian driver licence cannot be exchanged for an Irish one. A refugee from the Ukraine, whether or not they hold a Ukrainian driver licence, who wishes to drive here must apply for an Irish driver licence.

3. How can I apply for an Irish driver licence?

- a. In order to be granted an Irish driver licence you must pass a driver theory test in the type of vehicle you wish to drive, you will find more information about this [here](#)
- b. Apply for a learner permit for the vehicle type you wish to drive, you will find more information about this [here](#)
- c. Complete mandatory driving lessons, known as Essential Driver Training (EDT) for a car (or Initial Basic Training (IBT) on a motorcycle). A person who has held a Ukrainian driver licence for more than two years can apply to have the number of EDT lessons reduced from twelve to six. More information on EDT is available [here](#)
- d. Pass a driving test for the vehicle type, more information on this is available [here](#)
- e. You must hold a first learner permit for a six month period before taking a driving test. This requirement can be removed where a holder of a Ukrainian driving licence has held the licence for the vehicle type for at least six months. Application form is available [here](#)
- f. Apply for driving licence. Application form and information is available [here](#)

4. How do I prove that Ireland is my normal place of residence?

On arrival in Ireland, the immigration authorities will give you a letter of permission or other documentation confirming your entitlement residence here in Ireland. These will enable you to show that you are resident in this country.

5. I have no documentation and I need to prove my identity to apply for a driving licence in Ireland

It is expected that Ukrainian refugees will be given a Public Services Card (PSC) and this will be sufficient to establish your identity for driver licence purposes.

6. I hold a Ukrainian truck/bus licence can I drive in Ireland on this?

As Ireland does not have a driver licence exchange agreement with Ukraine, you cannot use that licence to work here. You must go through the Irish driver licence process and firstly get a car licence as described at Q3 above.

7. I have held a Ukrainian driving licence for many years, do I get any credit for that when applying for a driving licence in Ireland?

See the response to 3(c) 3(d) above. To qualify for this exemption you must have your Ukrainian licence or we must be able to establish eg via a Ukraine Licence Database that you were granted such a licence.

I understand that Ireland had been pursuing a driver licence exchange agreement with Ukraine, is this continuing?

Ireland had been engaging with Ukraine driving licence authorities over the last number of months, however that process had not concluded and no decision had been reached prior to the invasion.