

The UN Migration Agency

# **Entering Romania from Ukraine**



### Documentation

If a person does not have a valid passport they may apply for asylum in Romania (this can be done at the border or with competent authorities listed under the "seeking asylum in Romania section".)

**COVID-19 Entry Measures** 

There is no requirement to undertake or present a certificate of vaccination or valid PCR test to enter Romania from Ukraine. Those arriving in Romania from Ukraine via land are **not required to quarantine.** These exemptions are in accordance with the Decision of the National Committee for Emergency Situations no. 9 of 25.02.2022.



### **Third Country Nationals**

- If a third country national (TCN) residing in Ukraine holds a passport, they can cross into Romania through the common border points and obtain a visa on arrival.
- If they hold no documentation, they can seek asylum at common Romanian border points.
- If a TCN arrives via Moldova, they need to obtain a visa from one of the consulates of Romania in Moldova and will be provided a visa in a matter of hours (depending on the number of applications being processed).
- Russian citizens will need a visa, but have no additional restrictions apart from the existing visa regime of any non-EU foreign citizen entering Romanian territory.

### Children

- A minor child can enter Romania with only one accompanying parent. There is no need for a **notarized declaration** from the missing parent.
- Unaccompanied minors, regardless of their age, can cross into Romania.
- Minors can apply for asylum in the following ways:
  - Through their legal representative appointed by Directorate of Child Protection. (This representative will be appointed when the child reaches immigration).
  - Minors who have attained the age of 14 can apply for asylum in their own name.



### **Leaving Ukraine**

- Romanian consular representations remain open in Ukraine:
  - Consulate of Romania in Solotvino Address: Sportivna nr. 112, 90575, Solotvino, Ucraina / Phone: +380 3134 56027
  - Romanian General Consulate Chernivtsi Address: Mihaila Kotsiubinskogo 8, 01030 - Kiev, raion Shevcenko
- Currently IOM does not facilitate land border transport, which is the only way to exit the country, as the airspace is closed. The security situation is highly volatile and unpredictable. The security advice from Kyiv for example is to seek shelter/ underground/ basement. IOM are not aware of any other support offered to reach the border.
- Currently, men aged 18-60 who could be conscripted are restricted from leaving Ukraine.

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#### Border crossings:

- From Ukraine the following border points can be used to cross into Romania: Halmeu, Sighetu Marmației, Siret, Isaccea
- Waiting times can be checked at any time here: <a href="https://www.politiadefrontiera.ro/ro/traficonline/">https://www.politiadefrontiera.ro/ro/traficonline/</a>.
- From Moldova: Romania is accepting Ukranian refugees entering via Moldova. They would seek asylum as outlined in the "seeking asylum in Romania section". If they are undocumented, it is recommended, they contact Romanian consulates in Moldova (These are located in Chisinau, Balti, Cahul, and Ungheni.)

### Food and Water:

• Near the border crossings there are localities from which food and water can be purchased, and at Sighetul Marmatiei and Vama Siret the local volunteers help the people who cross the border with food and guidance.

## Entry ban:



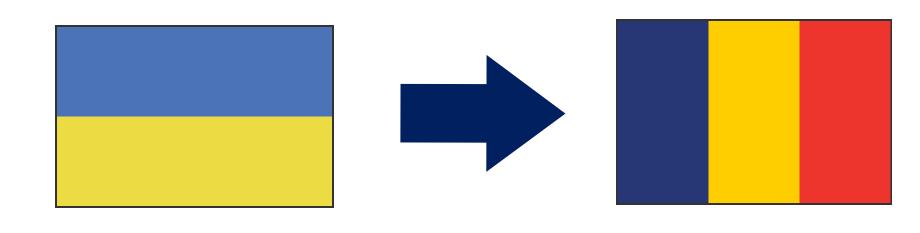
• If a person has a ban in place which prevents them from entering Romania (for example, but not limited to engaging in illegal activities), the legal framework remains in place, and they will be unable to enter Romania.

#### Transport options from Romanian border to reception centres:

- There is a free bus departing from Vama Siret for Ukranian citizens, offered by Tarsin from Radauti company. This facilitates transport to bus stations, train stations or the airport.
- Romfour company has announced they will soon be offering a similar free transport for all refugees entering the Siret border point on foot. Also, every Friday they plan to offer 20 free seats for refugees who want to get to Italy, and offer discounts on other routes (France, Germany, etc.).

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### Seeking Asylum in Romania

#### At the border crossing point:



An asylum application may be filed by any foreigner who is in Romania or at a border crossing point.

A person is considered an asylum seeker from the moment they demonstrate their willingness, <u>expressed in writing or orally before the competent authorities, showing that they demand the</u> protection of the Romanian state.

How to file an asylum application

- Asylum applications are submitted personally by foreigners who find themselves in Romania or at a checkpoint for crossing the state border.
- If the foreigner is a minor, the asylum application can be submitted by their legal representative from the Directorate of Child Protection.
- Minors who have attained the age of 14 can apply for asylum in their own name.

#### The following authorities have competency to receive an application for asylum:

- The structures of the General Inspectorate for Immigration;
- The Border Police structures;
- Police units with centres for custody and provisional detention;
- The structures of the National Administration of Penitentiaries functioning within the Ministry of Justice.

## Accommodation in Asylum centers in Romania:



The territorial competence to receive, register and process the asylum applications belongs to the 6 (six) regional centres for procedures and accommodation for asylum seekers (RCPAAS) under the Asylum and Integration Directorate, respective:

• Regional Center for Asylum Seekers Procedures and Accommodation Maramures (88.3 km from Sighetu Marmatiei crossing border point)

Address: Cetătii street, no. 1A, Somcuta Mare, Maramureș / Phone / Fax: 0262-280004

Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers - Rădăuți (19 km from Siret crossing border point)

**Address:** Perilor street no 2, Rădăuți, SUCEAVA County / Phone +4 0230–564462, +4 0230-564463

Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Galati (11.2 km from Giurgulesti crossing border point and 46 km from Isaccea crossing point)

Address: Săvinesti street, no. 2, Galati / Phone +4 0236-323878

- Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers Bucharest Address: Vasile Stolnicul Street, no. 15, bl. 13, sector 2, Bucharest / Phone / +4 021-240 87 74
- Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers Giurgiu

**Address:** 1907 1C Boulevard, Giurgiu / Phone /+4 0246 – 215056

 Regional Center for Procedures and Accommodation for Asylum Seekers – Timisoara **Address:** Andrei Mocioni Street, no. 8-10, Timisoara / Phone /+4 0256-402434; +4 0256-402431; +40256-For information on asylum procedures in Ukranian call +40765861888 - LOGS Timisoara

## Rights of Asylum Seekers in Romania

#### Asylum seekers have the right to:

- be informed about their rights and obligations, and the asylum procedure;
- confidentiality;
- be issued a temporary identity document, valid during the asylum procedure;
- participate in cultural orientation activities;
- be accommodated in the Procedures and Accommodation Centers for Asylum Seekers subordinated to the General Inspectorate for Immigration;
- receive free primary care and appropriate treatment, emergency hospital care, and free medical care and treatment in cases of acute or chronic life-threatening illness;
- be included in the national public health programs aimed at the prevention, surveillance and control of communicable diseases, in situations of epidemiological risk;
- receive adequate medical care as an asylum seeker with special needs;
- receive access to the labor market as a Romanian citizen would, after the expiration of a 3 month period from the date of submission of the asylum application;
- receive financial aid from the Romanian state, in the amount of 15 RON / person / day.



