

BRUTON

SUPPORTS UKRAINE

INFORMATION FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Useful Links

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1077442/Ukraine_Welcome_Guide.pdf

Citizen's Advice Mendip re. advice on claiming a range of benefits and entitlements eg Universal Credit, disability benefits, pension credit and child benefit. Website link to our closest CAB in Shepton Mallet.

<https://www.citizensadvicemendip.org.uk/>

DWP Department of Work and Pensions (Welfare Benefits)

You can apply for Universal Credit immediately.

For example, a family of Mother+2 children, living in Homes for Ukraine setting may be eligible for ~£940/month.

A National Insurance Number will also be issued once the benefits application is approved. And you this will be an important number you'll need while in UK – all UK citizens have it – used for benefits, banking, work, tax, etc.

You can see what you may be entitled to here:

https://www.entitledto.co.uk/?utm_source=BAdviser&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=GovUK

To apply online you'll need:

- your bank account details
- an email address
- access to a phone

If you need help with Universal Credit claim, there is a helpline: 0800 328 5644 (and see doc link and CAB above)

Link to start a claim: <https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/how-to-claim>

Child Benefit

If you have children under 16, you can also claim separate **Child Benefit** in addition to Universal Credit: for 1 child – £87; 2 children - £144

You will need to fill out this form:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-benefit-claim-form-ch2> and mail it to:

Child Benefit Office (GB)

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National Insurance Number

If you are planning to work and not applying for Universal credit, you can apply for National Insurance Number here <https://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number>

You will need your passport and Biometric Residence Permit (BPR)

Working in the UK

If you are planning to work, when you find a job, you'll need to prove your right to work in the UK. Here is a link to help you with that <https://www.gov.uk/prove-right-to-work>

There is a consortium of British companies that have joined together to provide jobs to refugees – it includes larger companies (M&S, ASOS, etc) as well as many others. <https://www.personneltoday.com/hr/uk-businesses-join-consortium-to-recruit-ukrainian-refugees/>

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