



Dear sir/madam,

You have received a decision from the IND stating that your temporary protection ends on 4 September 2023. Due to a decision by the Minister for Migration, you can now benefit longer from the rights you had under the Temporary Protection Directive. This letter explains what this means for your residency in the Netherlands.

**You may temporarily stay longer in the Netherlands**

This is because the Minister for Migration has frozen the consequences of the ending of temporary protection. This affects the entire group of third country nationals who have a temporary right of residence in Ukraine. The reason for this is that the Council of State (in Dutch: Raad van State) has granted a provisional ruling in an individual court case. This is the highest administrative court in the Netherlands. It appears from the decision that the person concerned must temporarily be treated as if he has temporary protection under the directive. The Minister for Migration has decided that you can temporarily continue to make use of the rights you had under the Temporary Protection Directive until the final decision of the Council of State. This applies to the entire group of third country nationals with a temporary residence permit in Ukraine. The final decision will eventually determine whether the right of this group to temporary protection may end.

**You can still make use of the rights under the directive**

If your local council is providing you with reception? Then you can stay there until the Council of State takes a final decision. You may also continue to work until then.

**You can appeal against the IND's earlier decision**

You may temporarily stay longer in the Netherlands. However, the decision (in Dutch: beschikking) that you previously received from the IND stands. Do you not agree with the IND's decision that your temporary protection will eventually end? Then you can appeal against the decision. You have 4 weeks from the date of the decision to do this. This period will not be extended, even if you may temporarily stay longer.

**In the Netherlands, you have the right to legal aid**

If you do not have a lawyer yet, the Legal Aid Council (in Dutch: Raad voor Rechtsbijstand or RvR) can arrange a lawyer for you. Send an e-mail to [acdenbosch@rvr.org](mailto:acdenbosch@rvr.org). Do this as soon as possible. In any case, within 4 weeks after you received the decision from the IND.

**With this letter, your card temporarily stays valid longer**

Your card (displaced persons document, in Dutch: O-document) states that you have the right to protection until 4 September 2023. You can use this letter, together with your card, to show that you can also make use of the rights that you had under the Temporary Protection Directive after 4 September 2023. You will not receive another document from the IND. It is therefore important that you keep this letter safe.

**Your situation determines until when you have a right of residency**

Your situation determines until when your card and this extension letter are valid. There are 3 possibilities:

- *The court or Council of State has given you a provisional ruling*  
Your card stays valid until the provisional ruling in your case ends. Or until the court or the Council of State has taken a final decision on your (further) appeal.
- *The court has taken a final decision on your court case*  
Have you received a positive decision from the court? Then the IND will appeal against this decision. But only if the Council of State has not yet provided clarity or if the IND has been allowed to end the temporary protection. Your card remains valid until the Council of State has decided on the appeal.
- *You do not have a pending court case*  
Your card stays valid until the Council of State has taken a final decision on an appeal and the decision shows that the IND had the right to end temporary protection. This applies to all third country nationals with a temporary residence permit in Ukraine who did not appeal against the decision they received.

**You must be able to show the following documents at the same time:**

- your passport, ID card, birth certificate or statement from the embassy;
- your expired O-document;
- this letter.

**Do you have any questions?**

For more information about your proof of residence, visit [ind.nl/directive-ukraine](https://ind.nl/directive-ukraine).

With kind regards,

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of Justice and Security  
by E.P.H. Koop  
*IND Deputy Managing Director*