

## SEEKING REFUGE

### AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network Bulletin

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#### Employment Services for Displaced Ukrainians in B.C.

Since March 2022, over 140,000 displaced Ukrainians have arrived in Canada seeking safety and stability. Those leaving the country have few resources, many leaving behind their careers and bringing little else but their job skills to Canada. For any newcomer, meaningful employment is often the best way not only to ensure security and financial stability, but also to learn about and integrate into a new community.

To respond to this need, B.C. and Canada set up a number of specialized supports to assist displaced Ukrainians. Service B.C. has established a helpline with Ukrainian/Russian interpreters assisting in the navigation of government services. The 1-800-663-7867 helpline is one resource available on the Province of B.C.'s [Welcoming Ukraine](#) website which also includes links to services related to employment, health care, education and child care. The Government of Canada has set-up a [Jobs for Ukraine](#) website for displaced Ukrainians to search for employment, for employers to post employment opportunities for them in Canada, and community groups to offer their support. A new [Foreign Credential Recognition Tool](#) was recently introduced on the website to help Ukrainians learn how to get their credentials recognized in Canada and find related occupations. The tool also gives an opportunity for users to search jobs by wages, related occupations and their demand, and information on labor market prospects for specific locations.

The Province of B.C.'s WorkBC centres around the province provide free in-person and virtual employment services supporting displaced Ukrainians to find a job and connecting them with employers. If you know Ukrainians who need supports to find a job or would benefit from free employment services, resources and tools, please connect them with your local [WorkBC centre](#) and they would be happy to assist.

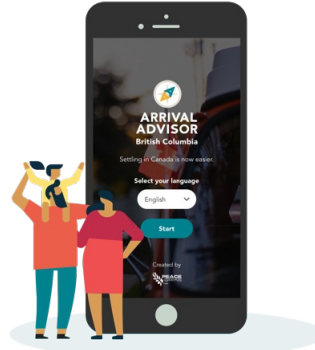
Many displaced Ukrainians have a range of work experience, skills and abilities. They are ready and willing to start working. If you know an employer looking to fill positions, they can contact one of the [WorkBC Centres](#) or register job offers at the [Job Bank's Jobs for Ukraine webpage](#), which will help connect them with Ukrainians seeking work in their communities.

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**Arrival Advisor App is Now Available in**

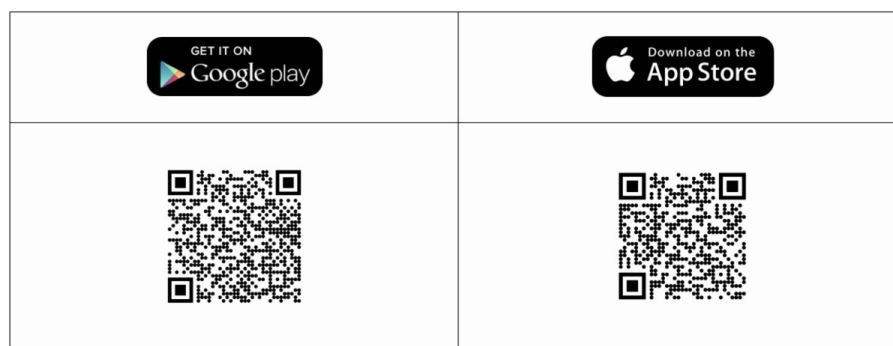
## Ukrainian

Responding to humanitarian crises in Ukraine and Afghanistan Canada has opened its doors to welcome resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians. Access to trusted, accurate and up to date information remains a top challenge for those looking to start a new life in Canada.



Developed by *PeaceGeeks*, **Arrival Advisor** is a free mobile application to help newcomers in British Columbia to find information and services to plan their settlement journey. The application was designed alongside immigrants, refugees, community service providers, and coordination organizations, and bridges current gaps in the accessibility of information for those being new to the province. It offers personalized, location-specific information and services, that can be filtered by provinces and 16 cities, related to employment, language, healthcare, education, employment, climate, population, transit and more. *Compare Canadian Cities* tool provides information about housing rental prices, in-demand jobs, and childcare costs, allowing users to compare cities side by side.

The application is currently available in ten languages with Ukrainian being recently introduced to help Ukrainian CUAET visa-holders to navigate resources and services in Canada. To download the application, use the QR code or link below.



**Afghans** who have arrived in Canada since August 2021:

**27,345**



**Ukrainian** nationals who have arrived in Canada since January 2022:

**141,895**

Source: [Government of Canada - #WelcomeAfghans: Key Figures](#),  
[Government of Canada - Ukraine Immigration Measures: Key Figures](#)

[Afghan Resettlement Resources](#)

[Ukrainian Migration Resources](#)

Please take the time to fill out the feedback survey so AMSSA can make Seeking Refuge more relevant to your needs

[Survey](#)

**AMSSA's BC Refugee Resource Network** is an initiative to strengthen community capacity to support resettled refugees and displaced Ukrainians through education, information dissemination, research and training. The Seeking Refuge bulletin has been created to keep service providers up-to-date on news, resources, and to provide information on frequently asked about topics related to recent migrations of displaced Ukrainians and resettled refugees. If you know someone who would like to receive this bulletin, please share this [link](#).

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