



# UPE 3C LEAVE

## for Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme Applicants



If you have submitted your application for the **Ukraine Permission Extension Scheme (UPE)** on time, your existing rights in the UK will be automatically extended under **Section 3C leave** of the UK immigration law while you await a decision on your application. This means you can continue to live, work, study, and access public funds in the UK while your application is being processed.

### What is 3C Leave?

**3C Leave** automatically extends your previous permission to stay in the UK while your immigration application is still being considered. This ensures that, until a decision is made on your UPE application, you maintain the same rights and status you held before your leave expired. As a result, you can continue to live in the UK without the risk of unlawful status during the waiting period.

### What rights are extended under 3C Leave?

While your application for the **Ukraine Extension Scheme (UPE)** is under consideration, your existing rights will remain as follows:

**Work** You may continue working in the UK under the same conditions.

**Study** You can continue your studies if you are enrolled in an educational programme.

**Access to public funds** You are entitled to access public funds (benefits) that you qualify for under UK law.

**Residence** You can remain in the UK without fearing unlawful status as long as your application is pending.

### Proving your rights while you wait

While your UPE application is being processed, you may face challenges when trying to prove your right to stay, work, or access public funds. The Home Office does not automatically provide proof of **Section 3C Leave**, which can lead to difficulties when you need to provide evidence of your status (e.g. to employers, landlords, or government services).

### How to request digital proof of Section 3C Leave

To avoid complications in demonstrating your rights while awaiting the decision on your UPE application, you can request digital proof of your Section 3C Leave. Although the Home Office does not have a standard procedure for issuing this proof, you can take the following steps:

- 1 Request digital proof:** When your UPE application is under consideration, you can generate a Share Code to prove your immigration status. This code will provide digital proof of your rights under Section 3C Leave.
- 2 Check your immigration account:** Your immigration account should reflect the automatic extension of your stay. The end date of your stay in the UK should no longer appear in your account during the consideration period of the UPE application.

If you continue to experience challenges proving your Section 3C Leave status or encounter difficulties in demonstrating your rights while waiting, you can contact Settled for further assistance. You can reach us through our [referral form](#) or by email at [ukraineadvice@settled.org.uk](mailto:ukraineadvice@settled.org.uk)

**By following these steps, you can protect your rights while you await a decision on your UPE application.**

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