

Homes for Ukraine Update 4 – Wednesday 8 June

Welcome to our latest update for hosts taking part in the Homes for Ukraine scheme in Norfolk.

This week's update has a wide range of important information, ranging from Norfolk County Council Trading Standards advice about bringing pets from Ukraine, to information about driving and importing cars. We also have updates on opportunities to study at UEA and an invitation to a fundraising picnic and music event in Westacre, near King's Lynn.

What to do if your guest arrives with their pets

The Government has issued [guidance](#) on what people should do if they want to bring their pets over to the UK from Ukraine. The guidance says that checks should have been made at the point of entry to the UK, such as at the airport. However, due to the urgency of arrival some guests have been able to bring their pets through without the checks being made. The advice on how to look after specific animals is set out below:

If you guests have any dogs, cats, or ferrets with them, they should either have:

- a pet passport / health certificate issued before they left Ukraine showing the that their pet has
 - been vaccinated against rabies and had a blood test 30 days later to confirm the vaccine worked, and waited 3 months after the blood test to travel to the UK
 - been microchipped
 - had tapeworm treatment

or

- a license from the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)

If your guest has brought a bird, rodent, rabbit, or other small mammal to the UK from Ukraine they need to have a licence from APHA.

Please can you discuss this with your guests and ask to see the paperwork or licence that your guest has.

If the paperwork states that the pet should be in quarantine or home quarantine, or if your guest has no license or paperwork at all, then please contact Trading Standards to discuss this as soon as possible on 01603 223178 or e-mail

trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk during normal working hours. Outside of normal working hours please contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency, telephone: 03000 200 301.

If you are not sure whether their paperwork shows their pet meets the requirements, then do contact Trading Standards for advice – you are welcome to photograph passport/certificate and send it to them to check.

If you are happy that the conditions have been met and you have seen a pet passport or health certificate with details of rabies vaccinations /microchipping/tapeworm treatment you do not need to do anything.

Support for Ukrainians to study at the University of East Anglia

The [University of Sanctuary](#) are coordinating UEA's support for Ukrainian learners.

UEA Outreach are holding campus tours on Tuesday 14 June, from 1-2pm for all those interested in exploring the UEA campus and what it has to offer. The tours will be run by UEA Ambassadors and last one hour. Representatives from UEA University of Sanctuary will also be on hand to answer any questions about the work of the initiative and what UEA is doing to ensure it is a place of welcome for all. Your guest can book their place on the campus tour by emailing university.of.sanctuary@uea.ac.uk.

If your guest is looking to apply to UEA they can contact enquiries@uea.ac.uk who can talk with them about the application process and look at what their qualifications are and their eligibility for specific courses.

If your guest is applying through UCAS and would like to get some general information about how to write a personal statement they can contact the UEA team at schoolsoutreach@uea.ac.uk.

Colleagues in the Visa Compliance team can also assist potential students with visa enquiries – studentlife.international@uea.ac.uk.

Driving in the UK

If your guest holds a full Ukrainian driving licence they can use this in the UK to drive for up to 12 months. If they wish to continue to drive in the UK after 12 months they must exchange it for a UK driving licence. They have up to five years to exchange their licence from the date of their arrival in the UK, provided their licence has not expired. Although they have five years in which to exchange their Ukrainian licence, they cannot use it to drive in the UK after the first 12 months of their residence. Find out how to exchange a foreign driving licence on the [Government website](#).

Holders of a Full Ukrainian car licence can apply to exchange this for a UK one by requesting a D1 form from the DVLA. If they collect one from a local post office please make sure it is the version that asks for the "Share Code". The new licence will cost £43 and will take 6-10 weeks to be issued. Provisional licence holders cannot apply this way and will have to pass the UK driving test.

Ukrainians who have moved to live in the UK and brought their Ukrainian-registered vehicle must import the vehicle if they intend to use the vehicle in the UK for more than six months.

This involves:

- Telling HMRC within 14 days that their vehicle has been imported. There could be a fine if it is reported late. Use form [C384 to apply for VAT relief](#) on an imported vehicle – the form has to be emailed to HMRC CARS team ecsm.nchcars@hmrc.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 322 7071.
- [Obtaining approval](#) to show their vehicle meets the environmental and safety regulations if it is less than 10 years old.
- Getting a fresh MOT certificate issued by a local MOT testing centre if their vehicle is over 3 years old (and not exempt)
- Registering with the DVLA [on form V55/5](#) with the applicant's identity documentation and the registration fee of £55.

Once registered in the UK, and the V5C document received, the keeper will need to purchase new registration plates. The insurance policy will need to be updated to the new UK number or a fresh UK vehicle insurance policy will need to be taken out.

Find out more about [how to import vehicles into the UK](#).

Musicians for Ukraine – a fundraising picnic



Westacre Theatre, near King's Lynn, has organised a musical picnic to raise funds to help Ukrainians in Norfolk. Why not pop along to this musical fundraising event on Sunday 3 July, 11am – 2pm. Tickets cost £15 and those from Ukraine and under 16s are free. [Find out more and book online.](#)

For more information

More information about the Homes for Ukraine scheme is available [on our website](#) you will find lots of additional information including a [toolkit for hosts](#) that you can download, sources of local support and all [previous updates](#). Support is also available at our face-to-face [Community Help events](#).

However, if you can't find an answer to your question, please email us at ncchomesforukraine@norfolk.gov.uk

Thanks again for your generous support of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.