

Frequently Asked Questions

Temporary Protection (TP) re-registration and Legal Status

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Q: What happens if my temporary protection status expires before I renew it?

A: You still have time to renew your temporary protection status even if your temporary protection (TP) registration ID card has expired. There was a temporary suspension in the reregistration exercise due to the automated information system downtime, but it has now been announced that the issue has been resolved. The renewal exercise will continue countrywide until end-April 2025, after which TP can be renewed only in the State Agency for Refugees' registration and reception centres. More information can be found on the State Agency for Refugees' website [here](#).

Q: Do I need to bring my child / children under the age of 18 for the re-registering for TP?

A: Children under the age of 18 need to be present for the re-registering process for TP. You will need to provide relevant documents and information during the re-registration process.

Q: Will my employment contract be affected by the TP re-registration exercise?

A: No, your employment contract should not be affected by the renewal of your TP status.

Q: If I have questions on the temporary protection re-registration exercise or concerns/challenges faced during the process, is there a feedback mechanism I can use to reach the State Agency for Refugees?

A: You can reach the State Agency for Refugees at sar@saref.government.net.bg and by phone at: 02-8080-923 or 02-8080-924 or 02-8080-925 – for any feedback or questions on the re-registration exercise.

Q: I currently have temporary protection status. Can I apply for international protection?

A: Currently the State Agency for Refugees does not process international protection applications of refugees from Ukraine, as they fall under the Temporary Protection Directive.

Q: In case the TP Directive is not renewed beyond March 2026, how much time will be given to stay in the country? What will happen with job contracts and children studying at schools?

A: The legal framework for the continued protection of refugees from Ukraine beyond March 2026 is not yet determined. Inter-Agency partners continue to advocate with the Government for refugees' continued access to legal certainty and protection beyond these deadlines should they be unable to return – so that any transition to a new framework will not disrupt employment and education of children in schools.

Q: I currently have temporary protection status. How can I apply for the 'EU blue card' (work permit for highly-skilled non-EU nationals) in Bulgaria?

A: EU Blue Card in Bulgaria is a residence and work permit designed for highly skilled non-EU nationals. You must first have an employment contract with a duration of at least six months to apply. However, according to Bulgarian legislation, you cannot apply for an EU Blue Card from within Bulgaria or while under temporary protection in Bulgaria.

- For your individual case, you can also consult Bulgarian Helsinki Committee (online legal form: [ONLINE LEGAL AID | ASYLUM.BG](#)) and Foundation for Access to Rights (FAR) (<https://refugeelight.bg>) .
- For more detailed information, please see the article on the single work permit and EU Blue card by FAR here: [Access to the labour market of foreigners in Bulgaria and the relevant residence permits](#)

Q: I currently have temporary protection status. How can I apply for the long-stay visa type D in Bulgaria?

A: The eligibility criteria for visa type D include, for example, employment, business activities, family reunification and education. The application for visa type D must be submitted outside of Bulgaria.

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- For more detailed information, please see the article on the long-stay visa type D by FAR here: [Bulgaria Visas and Residence Permits: A Step-by-Step Guide](#)

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