The OCMA urges Ukrainian civilians to renew their temporary protection status before the March deadline

The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs (OCMA) reminds that the temporary protection status for several thousand Ukrainian civilians in Latvia will expire on 4 March 2025. To continue residing in Latvia, they must apply for a residence permit to extend their temporary protection status.

Processing a renewal application can take up to three months, so the OCMA urges affected individuals to apply as early as possible to avoid disruptions. Applications can be submitted electronically, by mail, or in person at designated service centres. Those with Russian or Belarusian citizenship must also submit an additional questionnaire. Additionally, Ukrainian civilians newly arriving in Latvia must apply for temporary protection status, which, according to a recent legal amendment, now grants a residence permit valid for three years.

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