Iceland extends temporary collective protection for Ukrainians until 2027

The application of Article 44 of the Immigration Act has been extended, meaning that residence permits granted for protection due to mass migration will be valid for an additional year.

Holders of humanitarian permits under collective protection should be aware of the following:

Automatic Extension: Residence permits for individuals legally residing in Iceland will be extended. No Photoshoot Required: Attending a photoshoot is not necessary for the extension.

Cancel Any Booked Photoshoots: those who have already scheduled a photoshoot should cancel it at noona.is.

SMS Notification: Residence permit holders will receive a message with details on where and when to collect their new residence permit card.

Timely Collection Required: If the card is not picked up within the specified timeframe, authorities will assume the individual has left Iceland, and they may be registered as deported.

Alternative Collection Arrangements: Those unable to collect their card at the designated location or within the deadline should email mot@utl.is for assistance.

Processing Updates: Cards are currently being prepared for individuals whose residence permits expired in December, January, and February, and they can expect to receive an SMS about collection soon. Possible Delays: Due to high demand, some new residence permit cards may not be ready before the old ones expire.

Urgent Requests: Individuals needing their residence permit card sooner, such as for international travel, should email mot@utl.is with their name, ID number, and a copy of their flight ticket.

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