

To all Ukrainian citizens seeking asylum in Belgium, it is important to know the following things:

Is it possible to seek asylum in Belgium?

Yes, it is absolutely possible. Do take in mind that when you are travelling by car or by any other means on land, you are required to seek asylum in the first member state of the European Union you cross borders with. If you are travelling by plane this does not apply to you, as Belgium is the first member state you enter.

As you are coming from a war zone or have reasonable fear for the safety of you and your family, you will easily get a refugee status.

How much time do I have?

When entering the country, you have eight days.

Where?

If you have landed in a Belgian airport, the registration center for you is at Passendalestraat 2, 1000 Brussels. The office is opened from Monday until Friday, registrations are at 8.30 am local time. You can reach them by phone using the number +32 2 227 41 51. Keep in mind that you cannot register from another country, not even in the Belgian embassy in Kyiv.

If you are at the Belgian border you have to register with the police.

Do I need any documents?

Yes you do. You need a document that can identify you. This is strictly necessary, without this identification Belgium is unable to grant international protection.

If possible, bring documents or any other proof that prove you have a right to international protection. Do not worry, without proof your application does not become invalid, proof will just make the internal process in Belgium faster and easier.

Anything else?

At the registration office, an officer will ask for an address in Belgium where you can be reached. If you do not have an address in Belgium yet, there is no reason to worry. The people there will help you out. Also, as long as your application is being processed, you have right to reception, which the state department will grant you.

For the rest, stay safe during this awful time. The world is praying for your wellbeing. For any legal or further practical advice regarding your application, feel free to contact us at president@be.elsa.org or advocacy@be.elsa.org. For more information on the Belgian asylum department check out the link <https://www.fedasil.be/en/asylum-belgium>. The can be reached using the number +32 2 213 44 11 or +32 2 213 44 22, or using the e-mail address info@fedasil.be, but do keep in mind that the waiting list can be long.



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