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1. The Cabinet Elaborates Requirements for Places of Temporary Accommodation for IDPs

On 1 September 2023, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted [Decree №930](#) establishing a Procedure for the functioning of temporary accommodation (collective centre) for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The Procedure is the first legal act of its kind that determines:

- mechanism for the creation and registration of temporary accommodation for IDPs
- the minimum standard of living for IDPs.

Frameworks for use of premises	<p>On the basis of an agreement, that shall be concluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before moving into the allocated premises of the temporary residence or within 30 days from the date of moving • for a period of six months with the possibility of extension under a similar term
Accommodation Standards	<p>Premises shall be divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common areas: equipped with conditions that meet the needs of temporary accommodation, including places for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meetings ○ leisure ○ distance learning for children ○ provision of social, administrative and public services • rooms with beds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ gender-based division (exemptions – for families) ○ not more than four beds in one room ○ area for one bed is not less than 6 square metres
Accessibility	<p>Premises shall be equipped with means of unimpeded access for persons with disabilities and other low-mobility groups.</p>

Sanitary and hygienic norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• at least one shower/one bath for every 12 persons• one toilet for every 10 persons• facilities separated by gender and equipped with locks/bolts• at least one shower/bathroom and one toilet equipped for persons with disabilities and low-mobility groups• two washing machines and one dryer for every 20 persons
Security and protection	Premises shall be equipped at least with a basic bomb shelter and/or be located within 500 metres of a shelter. The shelter has at least the same capacity to hold persons as the collective centre.

2. The Cabinet Amends the Procedure for Compensation of Expenses for Temporary Accommodation of IDPs

Background: On 19 March 2022, the Cabinet of Ministers enacted [Decree № 333](#), providing an opportunity for the households accommodating IDPs to get reimbursement for accommodation related expenses.¹ The procedure was quite generic, which led to ambiguities and conflicts in the application of the law.

Recent developments: On 1 September 2023, the Cabinet adopted [Decree №936](#) amending the Procedure for Compensation. The amendment pertains to conducting inspections and removal of some conflicting aspects.

	Initial text	Amended text
Inspection visits	The inspection visits to the place of accommodation of IDPs is envisaged but the procedure remained unclear	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prescribed that the inspection is carried out by the decision of the executive bodies• The results of such an inspection shall be reflected in form of written Act (arbitrary)• The results should be shared with the Ministry of Reintegration and the Ukrainian Red Cross Society on a monthly basis
Terms of data sharing	The Ministry of Reintegration sends the processed information to the Red Cross Society (RSC) of Ukraine – terms are not envisaged	Data-sharing shall happen no later than the 20th day of the month following the reporting month

¹ For more information, please, see [DRC Legal Alert, Issue 78](#)

Data request	The RCS of Ukraine pays compensation solely on data provided by the Ministry of Reintegration – no data refinement was envisaged	RCS of Ukraine requests additional data from the Ministry of Reintegration to cure any errors that may prevent compensation payment.
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3. The Ministry of Justice Adopted Procedure on e-Application for Free Legal Aid

Background: On 10 April 2023 the Parliament adopted [Law №3022-IX](#) adjusting access to free legal aid. Among other changes, the amendment created the possibility of submitting electronic applications for free legal aid.²

Recent developments: On 18 August 2023, the Ministry of Justice issued [Order №2994/5](#) establishing the Procedure for submitting an electronic application for free secondary legal aid (FSLA). This amendment is of particular importance for persons who had limited access to FSLA, for example, for residents of the Non-Government-Controlled Area (NGCA), Ukrainians abroad and people with disabilities.

Steps to submit e-application:

General procedure	Who can apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person seeking the service • His/her legal representative
	How to send the application	Send it to the official email address of a free legal aid centre, using an electronic signature ³
	What shall be mentioned in the application	<p>In the electronic application, the person shall indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surname, name, patronymic (if any) • place of residence (stay) • e-mail address to which the response may be sent, or information on other means of communication • the essence of the legal issue • the name of the category of the subject of the right to free secondary legal aid⁴
Exception: for persons	What to do if it is impossible to get electronic signature	If it is impossible to use an electronic signature, persons shall send a scanned copy (photocopy) of the application with the

² For more information, please, see [DRC Legal Alert, Issue 94](#)

³ Electronic signature or Qualified Electronic Signature (QES) is used for signing electronic documents or getting access to State Services and can be obtained both online and in-person. Offline e-signatures are provided, among others, by the State Tax Service. Getting e-signature online is even more convenient, for example, through DIIA app.

⁴ This data shall be provided strictly in accordance with the list, provided in the [art. 14 of the Law “On Free Legal Aid”](#). The fact of being eligible to certain category shall be confirmed by relevant document. The document also shall be signed and send together with application.

currently living in the territories of hostilities or NGCA	person's signature. In this case an identification procedure shall be carried out.
Identification procedure	The applicant shall be subject to identification: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Done via video conference.• During the video conference, the person should present identity documents confirming his/her citizenship of Ukraine, as well as documents confirming his/her eligibility for free secondary legal aid.• During videoconferencing, a video or photo recording of the person shall be done.
NB: when the control over territories is regained or after the leaving territories of hostilities/NGCA, the original of such application and certified copies of documents have to be submitted to the Centre personally or through a representative.	

4. Diia App Will Reflect Data from the State Register of Civil Status Acts

Background: The Diia app was launched at the end of 2019 as an app for easier access to State Services. In the following years, it has gradually increased the stock of data and services provided. In 2020 Diia app launched the option for parents to upload their children`s birth certificates.

Recent developments: On 8 September 2023 the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine adopted [Decree №961](#) expanding the list of services provided by the Diia app to facilitate the process of renovation of documents and access to relevant services.

In particular, it becomes possible to generate an e-version of the record contained in the Register of Civil Status Acts by means of the Diia Portal. When the document is formed it becomes accessible at the Diia app. The e-document is formed together with a unique electronic identifier (QR code, barcode, digital code) and cannot be used without it.

Documents that become available to be formed through Diia:

1. childbirth certificate⁵
2. marriage certificate
3. certificate of divorce
4. certificate on change of name.

⁵ Previously it was possible to upload the Certificate, emitted in paper, but now the document may be formed fully in digital.

E-versions have the same legal force as a paper one and can be used separately. The electronic version will be generated:

- free of charge
- at the request of an individual who has reached the age of 14 in relation to a vital record drawn up in respect of him/her (please, note, as before, the childbirth certificate also can be generated at the request of the father or mother)
- service is available only with respect to data contained in the Register and identified using a personal number of the taxpayers of the person in respect of whom it was drawn up.

5. Relevant Line Ministries Agree on Model Plan for the Return of Children and Persons Evacuated from Boarding Institutions

Background: As of 24 February 2022, 37 baby homes provided care to orphans and children deprived of parental care. By December 2022, due to constant shelling, children from 22 baby homes were evacuated to safer places in Ukraine or abroad. In response to this, on 1 June 2023, the Cabinet adopted [Decree №546](#) establishing a Procedure for evacuation and return of children placed in boarding institutions.⁶

Recent developments: On 9 August 2023 the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine, the Ministry of Reintegration of Ukraine and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine signed a joint [Order №274-H/215/651](#) adopting a model Plan for the return of the children.

The Model Plan shall be drawn up at the Oblast level when a decision on the expediency of returning the children is made. Relevant Oblast administrations shall identify the responsible executors and the timeframe for implementation of the Plan.

A Model Act on the condition and safety of the institution's buildings and living conditions is also prescribed by the joint Order.

Other developments

- 1. Terms of application for one-time assistance to persons, who lost harvest due to the destruction of the Kakhovka dam, were additionally prolonged till the end of autumn ([Decree №980](#) of 12 September 2023)⁷**
- 2. The Cabinet agreed on increasing funding for the provision of still water to Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kherson and Mykolaiv oblasts. Previously these oblasts used to rely on water supply from the Kakhovka water reservoir ([Order №794-p](#) of 12 September 2023)**
- 3. The Cabinet Accepts \$150 million grant from the multi-donor trust fund for the implementation of the Housing Repair for People's Empowerment Project (HOPE) ([Order №864-p](#) of 29 September 2023)**

⁶ For more information, please, see [DRC Legal Alert, Issue 95](#)

⁷ For more information, please, see [DRC Legal Alert, issue 97](#)

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