

## Newsletter 5

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### Travelling with public transport

Everyone that travels with public transport must pay for this themselves. To travel with public transport you need a valid ticket. The different ticket options are a subscription, a one-time or with an OV-card. For more information check: [Vervoerbewijzen \(connexion.nl\)](https://www.connexxion.nl)  
Children that travel to school with public transport must (together with their volunteer) apply for a personal OV-card. This must be done before the start of the new school year in order to apply for a subscription. Please communicate the card number (kaartnummer) to [oekraine@gemeentesluis.nl](mailto:oekraine@gemeentesluis.nl)

### Sticker in passport

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) issues residence endorsement stickers to Ukrainian refugees in a number of pilot projects. It is expected that in a few weeks' time, the issuing of residence endorsement stickers at various locations around the country will begin on a larger scale. At the moment, the findings from the pilots are incorporated to make the process as efficient as possible in the future. **Refugees from Ukraine cannot make an appointment at this moment in time to receive a residence endorsement sticker.**

With a residence endorsement sticker, Ukrainian refugees can prove that they are allowed to stay and work in the Netherlands as long as the European Temporary Protection Directive is in force. The sticker is placed in the passport by the IND. The sticker is not yet necessary for a legal stay in the Netherlands, because the IND is lenient with the applicable free period. This also applies to working in the Netherlands. From next autumn, however, a certificate of lawful residence will be required to be able to work.

The expectation is that the IND will be able to provide about 1,200 Ukrainians per day with a proof of lawful residence. At this moment, a total of almost 65,000 Ukrainians falls under the European directive and are eligible for a sticker. They will soon be able to make an appointment for this via an online planner. This process applies to refugees from Ukraine who are registered with the municipality and thus known to the IND. More information will follow as soon as the appointment planner is online.

### Employment and health insurance

Are you going to be employed? Report this to the municipality or your volunteer. It is important to report this so that we can check your contract for you. As soon as you have a job, you are no longer covered by the national regulation that covers care for Ukrainian people.

More information can be found on: [Uit Oekraïne - Jouw situatie - Zorgverzekeringslijn](#)

**If you are employed or are going to be employed, you must take out mandatory health insurance yourself.**

Do this as soon as possible after starting your contract!

If you work, you may be entitled to health care benefits. Health care benefit is a reimbursement from the government and is meant for paying the premium of the health care insurance.

The amount of the care allowance depends on your income. You can apply for healthcare benefits using a DigiD. <https://www.digid.nl/en/apply-or-activate-digid>

There are volunteers available who specialise in helping people obtain health insurance and apply for a DigiD. For more information on health insurance and applying for a DigiD, please contact the volunteer who accompanies you, they can refer you.

### Dutch language classes

From July 5<sup>th</sup> onwards, everyone aged 18+ can take Dutch lessons on Tuesdays. A lesson lasts three hours and a total of ten lessons are offered. The last lesson is on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The classes take place on Tuesday in school centre Time-Out, Torenweidelaan 5,4501 AK in Oostburg.

The day will be divided in three groups:

09:00 – 12:00 Group 1

13:00 – 16:00 Group 2

18:00 – 21:00 Group 3

Would you like to follow a class? Then we would like to hear which group you prefer. You can let us know via [oeukraine@gemeentesluis.nl](mailto:oeukraine@gemeentesluis.nl). Each group has room for 12 people and full = full. It is therefore important that you register quickly. This way you are assured of a spot.

### **Summer program**

Just like the Dutch children, the Ukrainian children have summer holidays from Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of July to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

We try to put together a summer programme where the children meet once or twice a week and do fun activities together.

If you have any suggestions for this programme or would like to help us as a volunteer in guiding the children, please let us know via [oeukraine@gemeentesluis.nl](mailto:oeukraine@gemeentesluis.nl).

### **Mental help**

When you flee to another country, you have to leave family and friends behind, as well as your home and job. This is hard for every refugee. Sometimes you feel less healthy. This is perfectly normal.

Often, these complaints go away after a while. Sometimes you need help to feel better again.

more information can be found here: [Als-je-stress-hebt-veel-denkt-en-slecht-slaapt Oekrains.pdf \(pharos.nl\)](#)

### **Covid-19/Corona**

Since mid-June, we have seen an increase in the number of Covid-19/Corona infections. Therefore, it is important to respect the Corona rules:

- Wash your hands regularly
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow
- Get enough fresh air
- Stay at home with complaints and do a self-test

If you have corona complaints, you should do a self-test. You can collect these tests now from the KCC in Oostburg. If the self-test is positive, you will have to go into quarantine. Please also inform the volunteer who accompanies you if you have a positive self-test.

Self-tests can also be bought at the supermarket or drugstore.

More information can be found here: [Коронавірус - Pharos](#)

### **National Vaccination and Prevention Programme**

If you are registered in our municipality, you are automatically included in the national vaccination and prevention programme. You will, for example, receive an invitation for a specific vaccination or examination. These invitations are linked to age. You are not obliged to take part in the prevention examinations.

### **Money exchange**

From June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, Ukrainians will be able to exchange a maximum of 10,000 cash hryvnia once in the Netherlands. This can be done at GWK Travelex.

More info can be found here: [www.refugeehelp.nl/cash](http://www.refugeehelp.nl/cash)

## Swimming in the sea

The weather is getting better and better. You may be visiting our beaches in the near future. When swimming in the sea, please note that there is a strong current, especially at low tide. The current can be strong and unpredictable and can take you by surprise. Be careful when swimming in open water if you are not experienced.

There are multiple beaches in our municipality that are supervised by lifeguards.

- Retranchement: 't Zwin between beach pavilions de Zeemeeuw and de Strandloper;
- Cadzand-Bad between beach pavilions de Piraat and Caricole;
- Nieuwvliet between beach pavilions de Strandganger and de Boekanier;
- Groede at beach pavilions PUUR;
- Breskens between beach pavilions Loods Tien and 't Halve Maentje.

At these locations, lifeguards are present, and you will find a first aid post. With flags, the lifeguards indicate whether it is safe to be in the sea for recreational purposes. The monitored swimming areas are marked with flags on the beach at the high tide line. If you see a red and yellow flag flying to the left and right, you are in a supervised swimming area. The monitored swimming area is indicated by orange buoys on the low tide line.

## meaning of the flags



Red/yellow: lifeguard present



Red: swimming prohibited



Yellow: swimming dangerous



Windsock: floating devices prohibited



White with question mark: lost child found

## Jota Oostburg

JOTA is the initiative of a number of churches in West Zeeuws-Vlaanderen and is run by enthusiastic volunteers. There are regular activities. Ukrainian people are also welcomed to participate.

### Agenda:

June 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	YammYammy cook workshop for children
June 24 <sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock:	Friday walks
June 24 <sup>th</sup> at 19:00:	Game night
June 25 <sup>th</sup> from 10:00 till 12:00:	JOTA-reparation
July 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Creative afternoon for all ages celebrating the seasons
August 12 <sup>th</sup> at 14:00:	Summer walk

More info and registration for activities can be done at JOTA (0117) 308 154 or via [jota.oostburg@gmail.com](mailto:jota.oostburg@gmail.com).