

## Visa Application Centre (VAC) visit before coming to the UK?

A visit to a VAC before coming to the UK is needed if the guest does not have a valid, international passport. It does not matter if this is not a biometric one as long as it is in date.

Note : All Ukrainians have a domestic 'passport' (ID card), this is not adequate for a visa application.

### Application Process if no valid Ukrainian International Passport

Individuals applying for a visa who do not hold a valid (e.g. expired) Ukrainian international passport will need to:

1. Complete an online [Ukrainian Sponsorship Scheme application form](#) with their host
2. Book an appointment at any VAC in Europe: [www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre](http://www.gov.uk/find-a-visa-application-centre)
3. Attend a VAC appointment for accelerated security checks.
4. Remain in the location where they submitted their application until we contact them.
5. We will contact the applicant immediately once their visa application has been processed.

Ukrainian nationals have visa free access to Schengen states, which enables them to reach safe neighbouring countries from which they can make their visa applications to come to the UK.

### Application Process if guest holds a valid Ukrainian International Passport

1. Guest completes an online [Ukrainian Sponsorship Scheme application form](#) with their host
2. Guests can travel to the UK when issued with a letter to travel.

### Valid International, Non-Biometric Passport

If guests arrived on a valid, non-biometric international passport, they will need to make a UKVCAS appointment on arrival in the UK in order to have:

- their identity confirmed
- the required biometric information enrolled,
- supporting documentation uploaded
- application to UKVI submitted

The nearest UKVCAS service point is:

Southampton – Cumberland House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BG Open M-F 9:00 – 17:00