

Legislative Update

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Adopted Legislation

Resilience Centers

On 3 October 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #1049](#)¹ launching a pilot project led by the Ministry of Social Policy to establish resilience centers. These centers, strategically placed in selected hromadas, will serve as central hubs for social, and administrative services, and Psychosocial Support (PSS). The core aim of this transformative initiative is to enhance the delivery of services, reinforcing community resilience through strengthened coordination among governmental and non-governmental actors providing mentioned services. By offering a comprehensive approach the project seeks to optimize service provision, as well as improve the coordination of the volunteer movement, fostering heightened social cohesion within the territorial community.

Service providers selected through a competitive process and operating on a contractual basis will oversee case management for eligible beneficiaries, including people facing challenging life circumstances and vulnerable population groups.

Compensation framework updates²

On 5 October 2023, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted [Law #3410-IX](#) amending the Law on Compensation for destroyed and damaged housing.

This change was prompted by [Resolution #858](#) adopted in July which introduced a compensation method for self-conducted repair works on damaged properties. However, implementation of the Resolution was initially hindered by a lack of alignment with existing laws.

The amendments have harmonized the Law on Compensation with Resolution #858 overcoming the previous obstacles to its implementation. This update streamlines the process for compensating self-conducted repair works on damaged properties and ensures the practicality of the Resolution.

The changes will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

¹ The hromadas will be chosen among those who applied for the pilot project.

² Please read more in [UNHCR Thematic Legislative Update regarding Law on Compensation](#) and [UNHCR Monthly Legislative Update for April](#) (Resolution #381 on eVidnovlennia service), [UNHCR Monthly Legislative Update for May](#)

Assessment of housing on the territories beyond the control of the Government

On 27 October 2023, the Government of Ukraine adopted [Resolution #1185](#) launching the pilot project that will aim at the examination of destroyed housing on the territories that are currently beyond the control of the Government of Ukraine.

Mandated by Resolution #381 on eVidnovlennia programme and Resolution #600, which traditionally require on-site inspections, the review of the situation of a housing object will be conducted by a Commission³. However, due to the impossibility of physical access, the Commission's decisions will be based on information products derived from Earth's remote observation⁴. This innovative approach enables compliance with the resolutions while addressing the current limitations in physical access. The Resolution outlines specific requirements for these information products and the approved list of resources for the examination will be published by the Ministry of Infrastructure.

The decisions of the commissions will be recorded in the Registry of the Damaged and Destroyed Property. However, in accordance with the current legislation compensation will not be provided since housing is located on the territories currently beyond the control of the government of Ukraine.

The project was launched in Melitopol, Zaporizhzhia oblast, a city located on the territories beyond the control of the government of Ukraine.

Other developments

New requirement for obtaining Ukrainian citizenship

On 27 October 2023, the Government of Ukraine approved [Resolution #1126](#) outlining the procedure for taking the Ukrainian language exam. Among others, this exam will be mandatory for individuals seeking Ukrainian citizenship. Importantly, stateless persons will be required to cover the associated fees for taking the exam, amounting to 8,052 UAH.

Increase of allowance for unemployed people

With [Resolution #60](#) adopted in September 2023 and promulgated in October, the Fund of Compulsory State Social Insurance of Ukraine has increased the monthly allowance provided to officially registered unemployed individuals. The revised amounts include:

1500 UAH for:

- youth who have recently graduated;
- individuals who haven't made insurance payments⁵ for 7 out of the last 12 months.

2500 UAH for:

- individuals who have made insurance payments for the last 7 months out of the last 12;
- gig-specialists and employees of residents of "Diia City";
- IDPs on the territories beyond the control of the Government of Ukraine and areas of hostilities,
- IDPs who don't have the documents required to confirm their working experience.

The changes are retroactive, and the adjusted amount will be recalculated from July 31, 2023.

³ Commission consists of no less than five persons including experts in engineering, architecture and housing assessment

⁴ This includes certified copies of aerial images or materials from various Earth remote imaging systems, presented as pictures.

⁵ The insurance payments are usually made when a person is officially employed

Digitalization of the court proceedings

On 18 October 2023 [Law #3200-XI](#), which was adopted in July 2023, came into effect, ushering in a requirement for specific parties involved in court proceedings to register in the digital court system. This implies that the traditional paper-based document flow is no longer an option for:

- Attorneys
- Notaries
- Public and private executors
- Arbitration managers
- Forensic experts
- Public authorities, other state bodies, and self-government bodies
- Legal entities of all forms of ownership

Private individuals are still able to submit applications in paper, nevertheless, in cases where representation is required⁶, a digital submission is mandatory.

List of Conflict-Affected Areas

The [List of Conflict-Affected Areas](#) is regularly updated and serves as a basis to confirm eligibility for state-provided subsistence allowance for IDPs and some other benefits, related to IDP registration

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⁶ This also may cover the cases of UNHCR beneficiaries