

Thematic Legislative Update

On amendments to the payment of IDP allowances

On 26 January 2024, the Cabinet of Ministers adopted Resolution 941 that announced prolongation of the payment of IDP allowances until 1 March 2024 to all IDPs already receiving it. Announcing the decision, the Ministry of Social Policy stated that this is a step in the implementation of the Government's IDP policy, which aims to ensure gradual integration of IDPs in hosting communities, to provide employment stimulus for working age IDPs, and tailor social support to the needs of the displaced population. Such a comprehensive approach is expected to protect IDPs from poverty, support those in need of rented accommodation, provide access to child-care services for families with children, and enhance services for bed-ridden, disabled or other household members in need of social services.

As of 1 March 2024, the state-run IDP allowance will be extended for six months automatically only for specific categories of IDPs as per the table below. Other IDPs must apply, and the six-month extension is subject to review of the socio-economic situation of the household. This will result in some IDPs ceasing to receive the IDP subsistence allowance as of 1 March 2024. The table below details the categories of IDPs who are eligible to continue receiving the IDP subsistence allowance after 1 March 2024.

Type of extension	Preconditions
Automatic extension	Specified categories of IDPs who are unable to work: pensioners whose pension amount as of 1 January 2024 does not exceed UAH 9,444 (four subsistence minimums for persons who have lost their ability to work) persons with disabilities of group I or II, children with disabilities, children with rare diseases orphans and children deprived of parental care, persons under the age of 23 enrolled at universities, as well as foster parents and adoptive parents.
Extension upon application *If monthly income does not exceed UAH 9,444 per person (four subsistence minimums for persons who have lost their ability to work) and one or more	family includes child under 14 who is unable to attend educational institutions or who are studying in a hybrid format (offline and online) family member cares for a person with a group I disability, or a child with a disability under the age of 18, or a child with a rare disease unaccompanied children pregnant women (as of the 30th week of pregnancy). families with children under 14, in which able-bodied persons have been employed, registered as an individual entrepreneur and started their respective activities/ or received assistance for economic independence/microgrants for the creation or development of their own business/ or received a voucher for education, etc.

¹ Text of the Resolution and amendments to it are available in Ukrainian [at the link](#). For more information on previous changes to the IDP subsistence allowance, please see the [Thematic Legislative Update issued in August 2023](#).

<p>circumstances mentioned as preconditions.</p> <p>*Applying is possible as of 1 February!</p>	<p>IDPs who used to receive IDP allowance and revoked it, or who were deregistered as IDPs because of returning to their original place of residence but were displaced repeatedly.</p>
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The Resolution also introduces the possibility to apply for financial assistance from the state for returning refugees. An amendment is made to Resolution 250 of 24 February 2003 on assistance to low-income families. The introduced provision suggests provision of financial assistance to individuals who stayed abroad for more than 90 days and who upon return registered in an employment center or otherwise work on ensuring sustainable income. The amount of assistance is calculated for each household and depends on the difference between minimum subsistence allowance set by the state and the monthly family income of an applicant.

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