

COMMUNIQUE FROM THE CENTRAL ENROLMENT AUTHORITY

**CONCERNING THE RECEPTION OF DISPLACED UKRAINIAN PUPILS AT THE
BRUSSELS EUROPEAN SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

By written procedure 2022/28, initiated on 14 June 2022 and completed on 28 June 2022, the Board of Governors of the European Schools unanimously approved the following "*Regulation relating to the enrolment of Ukrainian pupils at the Brussels European Schools for the 2022–2023 school year*":

Whereas:

By decision of 18 March 2022, the Board of Governors approved a proposal for the temporary admission of Ukrainian pupils to European Schools until the end of the 2021–2022 school year;

It is necessary to take specific measures for the temporary admission of these pupils to the Brussels European schools;

it is also necessary to envisage the continuation of schooling for children admitted temporarily, as well as the enrolment of other Ukrainian pupils for the 2022–2023 school year, starting from the beginning of the school year in September 2022;

The members of the Board of Governors approved the following:

1. Based on a principle of solidarity and from a humanitarian perspective, the following have been admitted at the European schools, including those in Brussels:
 - Displaced Ukrainian children of local agents of European Union representations in Ukraine;
 - Displaced Ukrainian children hosted by staff members of the European institutions;
 - Displaced Ukrainian children hosted by staff members of the European Schools;
 - The term "displaced Ukrainian child" must be understood as per Article 2 of the Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March 2022.

In the context of these rules, these children are referred to as "Ukrainian pupils" while the persons who host them in Belgium are referred to as "host families"

These temporary admissions for the 2021-2022 school year were organised as an emergency measure by the Directors of the European Schools, whose office is established in Brussels.

2. The Ukrainian pupils admitted during the 2021–2022 school year are called upon to pursue their schooling in the school to which they have been temporarily admitted, except in the case of a transfer application, which should be submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Enrolment policy.

Consequently:

- a) No other formality needs to be completed in the case of Ukrainian pupils already admitted to pursue their schooling during the 2022–2023 school year.
 - b) For the session of award of places in forecast of the 2022–2023 school year, Ukrainian children are accounted for in the shift, within the meaning of Article 4.1 of the Policy for the second enrolment phase, in order to determine the places available in the structure of the classes.
3. Upon entry into force of the present regulation, new enrolment applications for Ukrainian children may be submitted to the Central Enrolment Authority.

If the enrolment application is for the 2022–2023 school year, the context of the Ukrainian children's expatriation is considered to constitute a case of *force majeure* justifying submission of the application in the second phase.

If the enrolment application is envisaged for schooling starting during the 2022–2023 school year, by way of derogation from Articles 12.1 c), 12.2 and 12.5 of the Enrolment policy the children may be admitted until the end of the school year concerned.

Enrolment applications must be submitted either by the host families or by the legal representatives, based on the online form.

If it can be reasonably admitted that one or more legal representatives are unable to consent to the child's enrolment due to the context of the armed conflict, the staff member hosting the child may complete the enrolment formalities on his/her own.

4. If the staff member hosting the child is being awarded family allowances following their hosting of the latter, within the meaning of Article 1.11 of the Policy, the child is deemed to be a category I pupil.

All the provisions of the Enrolment policy applicable to this category also apply to this child.

If the staff member hosting the child does not receive family allowances, access to the European Schools is based on these present rules.

The provisions restricting the access of category III pupils do not apply to Ukrainian pupils.

5. If the person hosting a Ukrainian child has children who are already enrolled in one or more of the European Schools in Brussels, the Ukrainian child is regarded as a sibling and may request regrouping of siblings within the meaning of Article 8.2 of the Policy.

In the case of a new enrolment, the Ukrainian child and the children of the staff member hosting them may be subject of joint applications within the framework of regrouping of siblings as referred to in Article 5 of the Policy.

6. By way of derogation from the above, the temporary admission or enrolment of a Ukrainian child can never lead to a split of classes. If there is no place to be filled at the pupil's first preference school, the CEA will examine their subsequent preferences and may even conclude that temporary admission or enrolment is impossible if there is no place to be filled for the pupil concerned.
7. All the other provisions of the Enrolment policy apply.

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