

CANADA'S SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



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The Canadian Government continues to stand with Ukraine as the war with Russia continues. Since February, the government has worked with the international community to support Ukraine while holding Russia accountable for their actions. This has meant placing economic sanctions on the Russian government and various Russian elites.

Canada has also provided Ukraine with a \$120 million dollar loan to help stabilize their economy. In addition to closing our airspace to Russian aircraft, the Canadian government has also banned all crude oil imports from Russia. Some Russian broadcast channels are banned from airing in Canada. Sanctioned Russians will no longer be able to enter Canada.

The Canadian military and government will remain united with our allies in helping Ukraine combat Russian tyranny. Whether this means sending soldiers or aid, we stand with the Ukrainian people. Slava Ukraini!

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ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

Canada is the first country to revoke Russia's and Belarus's "Most favoured Nation" status. As of April 19, 2022, Canada has placed sanctions on over 1,100 Russian people and entities. This includes:

- 351 Members of the State Duma;
- 18 members of the Russian Security Council;
- 160 members of the Russian Federation Council;
- 19 individuals in the Russian defence sector; and
- 21 oligarchs and close associations of the regime.

Canada is also prohibiting the export of certain goods and technologies to undermine the capabilities of the Russian military. Additional sanctions have been placed on the Russian Central Bank and 27 Russian financial institutions by freezing assets and removing Russian banks from the international SWIFT payments system.

HUMANITARIAN AID

To date, Canada has committed over \$245 million in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. This includes:

- \$30 million to the Canadian Red Cross Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal through a matching fund starting February 25, 2022;
- \$100 million in response to the UN Humanitarian Flash Appeal and Regional Refugee Response Plan for Ukraine launched March 1, 2022;
- An additional \$100 million in humanitarian aid announced April 9, 2022; and
- \$10m in funding to support human rights, civil society, and de-mining in Ukraine (including: Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund).

This funding also assists the UN, Red Cross, and other NGO humanitarian partners to carry out their efforts on the ground in Ukraine.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT

Since January 2022, Canada has committed over \$131 million in military equipment to Ukraine. This includes:

- Donations of personal protective, and surveillance and detection equipment;
- \$25 million in non-lethal aid such as night-vision goggles, body armour, gas masks, and helmets;
- 100 Carl Gustaf anti-tank weapons systems and 2,000 rockets;
- \$10 million for machine guns, pistols, carbines, 1.5 million rounds of ammunition, and sniper rifles;
- 1,600 vests and almost 400,000 ration packs; and
- Eight armoured vehicles.

Budget 2022 has pledged an additional \$500 million in military equipment. On May 8, the Prime Minister pledged \$50 million in assistance plus 18 drone cameras, high resolution satellites, and small arms.

IMMIGRATION MEASURES

Canada has extended temporary status and issued open work permits to Ukrainian visitors, workers, and students who are in Canada and cannot go home. The launch of the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency travel offers safe harbour for up to three years. As of May 19, 2022, Canada has approved over 11,000 applications.

There is also short-term income support and temporary hotel accommodations for up to two weeks available for Ukrainian refugees entering Canada. Additionally, there are three chartered flights to Canada for Ukrainians and their families who want to come to Canada from Poland.

Canada has established a dedicated service channel for Ukraine immigration enquiries available for clients both in Canada and abroad at 613-321-4243. Adding the keyword "Ukraine2022" to the IRCC crisis web form will prioritize the request.