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*If you are a Ukrainian citizen with a driving licence from Ukraine, trying to gain employment as a lorry driver, you will not immediately be considered eligible to drive in the Netherlands, even if you previously had the required specification in your country of birth. A number of steps will need to be taken in order for you to be able to transport goods whilst in employment for a Dutch company.*

### **1. Proof of residency**

As a Ukrainian refugee from the war, you can request proof of residency under temporary protection. With this proof, you should be able to gain employment within the Netherlands. This proof of residency can be obtained at the Immigration and naturalization Service (IND) after being registered at the local city council (gemeente) and meet certain criteria. This is also referred to as an O-sticker. For more information, please look [here](#).

### **2. Driver's License**

If you enjoy Temporary Protection Status, your basic Ukraine Drivers' License will be considered sufficient to drive standard vehicles, according to the license category. However, this does not allow you to drive larger goods or bus vehicles in the Netherlands as a professional driver, even if you already own a C category licence. For that you will need to follow the below steps. If you do not own a valid drivers' license, you will need to obtain one from the CBR. For more information on how to get a drivers' license in , please contact +31 88 2277700 or look [here](#) (Dutch website).

### **3. Certificate of Competence (Code 95)**

In order for you to be able to drive a transport vehicle larger than 3500kg or a bus for more than 8 passengers as a professional driver, you will need to apply for a Certificate of Competence (a Code 95). Any similar certification from the Ukraine will not be accepted, you will have to receive a Dutch (European) Certificate.

If you own a valid licence from the Ukraine and you live in the Netherlands under the guideline for temporary protection, you have to undertake an initial qualification including theoretical and practical tests. To prepare for this examination, you can take a course at an independent organisation. You can find courses anywhere in the Netherlands, simply search on the internet for an appropriate certified course. The Code 95, if successful in your examination, will

remain valid for 5 years. For more information, please contact the CBR on +31 88 2277700 or look on their [website](#) (Dutch).

#### **4. Driver Qualification Card**

After you passed your initial qualification, you can apply for a driver qualification card. This simply highlights your qualifications. You can contact the RDW, or look at this [website](#) to apply for a card.

#### **5. Drivers Attestation (bestuurdersattest)**

After you have received your Code 95, and have found employment at a transport enterprise stationed in the Netherlands, a Drivers' attestation ("bestuurdersattest") will need to be requested. This needs to be done by the employer, and the request can be made at the NIWO ("Nationale en Internationale Wegvervoer Organisatie"). One of the requirements states that a licence permit (kopie van gecombineerde vergunning voor verblijf en arbeid – GVVA) is required. However, for Ukrainian citizens currently enjoying Temporary Status, this would not be necessary.

All other requirements (Code 95, passport, BRP) are still necessary for the application process. If you enjoy Temporary Status, you will be able to obtain your registration in [Basisregistratie Personen](#) (BRP). This BRP simply entails you registering at the local council ("gemeentehuis") where you are currently residing. For more information on the NIWO process and Drivers' attestation, please go to this [web page \(Dutch website\)](#) or contact them on +31 70 3992011 or via [info@niwo.nl](mailto:info@niwo.nl). The Drivers attestation will be valid for a maximum of 5 years.

#### **6. Drivers Card (for the Tachograph)**

After receipt of a Code 95 (and alongside the request for a Drivers' attestation), you will need to request a Drivers Card at the Kiwa Organisation to be able to use for the Tachograph. For this, you will need to be able to provide a passport photo, valid Drivers' License, a statement of assignment from the Kiwa Organisation and your form confirming your registration in Basisregistratie Personen (BRP). More information on this process, along with the actual application possibility, can be found [here](#).

#### **Summary**

To summarise, if you are a Ukrainian citizen who would like to work as a lorry driver for a Dutch company, you would need:

- Proof of residency
- Valid Drivers' license with a category that allows operating heavy duty vehicles such as lorries
- Certificate of Competence (a Code 95) CBR
- Driver Qualification Card
- Drivers' Attestation
- Drivers Card for the Tachograph

If you have obtained the above documentation, this will allow you to proceed. I hope you are successful in your search for gainful employment in the Netherlands. If you require any additional information, please contact the Rijksoverheid via the number 1400 (available between 8am and 8pm)

With kind Regards,

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management

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