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The [EU Temporary Protection Directive \(https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/common-european-asylum-system/temporary-protection_en\)](https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/common-european-asylum-system/temporary-protection_en) was activated by the EU Council in March 2022, following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

The process for granting Temporary Protection in Ireland to those fleeing the war (known as BOTPs - Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection) is totally separate from international protection.

The EU Directive places specific obligations on all EU Member States, including Ireland, including the period of temporary protection to be offered and what State supports and services they should receive.

Those eligible for Temporary Protection have immediate access to the labour market, social welfare, accommodation and other State supports for as long as the Temporary Protection Directive is activated (currently to March 2024).

The EU Directive does not provide for any limit on the number of people that can benefit from Temporary Protection, once they meet the criteria.

Further information on Temporary Protection and who can qualify for this status can be found at [irishimmigration.ie \(https://www.irishimmigration.ie/information-on-temporary-protection-for-people-fleeing-the-conflict-in-ukraine/\)](https://www.irishimmigration.ie/information-on-temporary-protection-for-people-fleeing-the-conflict-in-ukraine/).

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