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Uniting for Ukraine

- The U.S. Government has announced Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) to allow certain Ukrainian noncitizens without visas or other documents necessary to be admitted to the United States and who meet established U.S. Government eligibility criteria, to obtain advance authorization to travel to the United States to seek parole.
- At this time, travel authorization under U4U is limited to Ukrainian citizens in possession of a valid, unexpired passport and their non-Ukrainian immediate family members. Each individual traveling under U4U must be in possession of a valid, unexpired passport and have an individual approved U4U travel authorization.
- Carriers will be able to validate an approved U4U traveler authorization using the same mechanisms that are currently in place to validate that a traveler has a valid visa or other documentation to facilitate issuance of a boarding pass for air travel.
- You may encounter minor citizens of Ukraine with approved U4U travel authorization listed as a dependent in their parent's valid Ukraine passport. Ukrainian minor dependent children listed in their parent's valid, unexpired, Ukrainian passports meet the passport requirement for dependent children accompanying the adult holder of the valid passport.
- If you encounter a minor citizen of Ukraine with an approved U4U travel authorization, in possession of their own valid passport, not traveling with their parent or legal guardian, contact CBP as indicated below.
- Those air carriers participating in Document Validation will get the "A" code to print a boarding pass, when the Ukrainian passport number submitted through APIS has a valid associated U4U authorization on file.
- If an air carrier is not participating in Document Validation, they will get the "Z" not applicable response code and will go through their established processes for checking documents and determining eligibility to board.
- Ukrainian nationals traveling to the United States by air must adhere to Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines regarding testing. Ukrainian Nationals traveling on an approved U4U authorization will not be required to demonstrate proof of COVID vaccination at time of boarding.

If you have a question on boarding a traveler, it should be directed to the appropriate Regional Carrier Liaison Group (RCLG), Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Officer or Joint Security Program (JSP) Officer.