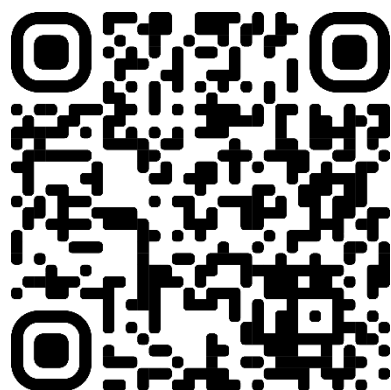




Protection status S – Changes from 1 November 2025

- **Nothing will change for persons who already hold protection status S.**
Protection status S will not be revoked before 4 March 2027, unless there is a lasting improvement in the situation in Ukraine before then.
- **Decisions on new and pending applications will now be made on the basis of the region of Ukraine in which the applicant last lived.**
 - Persons who come from a region to which they can **reasonably be expected to return** will **no longer** be granted protection status S.
 - SEM will determine which regions are considered safe for return. The list will be reviewed **at regular intervals** and updated as necessary.
 - The changes apply to all **decisions** on protection reached by SEM **from 1 November**.
 - For persons already in Switzerland with protection status S, the region of Ukraine in which they last resided will not be a deciding factor if they wish to bring their immediate family to Switzerland after 1 November.
- **No one will be sent back to Ukraine if they are at risk of physical harm, regardless of the region in which they last resided.**

Up-to-date information and a list of the regions concerned are available on the SEM website:



[Information for refugees from Ukraine](#)