

Your Saskatchewan community is waiting for you!



Flight to Saskatchewan, Canada August 10, 2022

Saskatchewan welcomes you to our province. The Government of Saskatchewan and its partners are working hard to prepare for your arrival and ensure your needs are taken care of when you land. We have put together some information to help before you travel, what you need to know when you arrive and some other details about living in Saskatchewan.

Before You Come

Saskatchewan has partnered with Open Arms and Solidaire, humanitarian organizations in Warsaw, Poland who will assist Ukrainians travelling to Saskatchewan. Open Arms will serve as a central point of contact for Ukrainians interested in coming to Saskatchewan. A charter flight to Saskatchewan is available at no cost to Ukrainians. There was more interest than seats available for the July 4th flight to Saskatchewan so a waiting list was compiled for future flights. Open Arms is using that waiting list to contact passengers for the Aug. 10 flight.

Arriving in Saskatchewan

The Government of Saskatchewan and its partners are prepared to help you settle in our province. Our team will welcome you when you arrive and will be there to assist you with:

- **Housing**
Temporary accommodations and transportation will be available immediately upon your arrival to Saskatchewan (at no cost to you for up to two weeks). We will also have people available to assist you in finding medium/long term accommodations.
- **Health Care**
Saskatchewan has a publicly funded health care system that provides medical care at no direct cost to you. We will help you register for a Saskatchewan Health Card upon arrival to ensure access to medical services.
- **Employment**
We are committed to helping you find jobs once you arrive in Saskatchewan. We can help you match your existing skills and backgrounds with opportunities in Saskatchewan. You can also visit saskjobs.ca or visit one of the 10 career and employment centres once you arrive in Saskatchewan.
- **Financial Support**
The Government of Canada is providing financial assistance for Ukrainians arriving in Canada. The benefit consists of a direct, one-time payment of \$3,000 per adult and \$1,500 per child (17 years and under). We can assist you in the application process. You may also be eligible for additional income assistance from the Government of Saskatchewan. We will also help you to get a Canadian bank account set up as soon as possible, so that you can start to apply for and receive income supports.

Open Arms is contacting individuals and families directly to register passengers for the **Aug. 10th** flight.



- **Education**

Saskatchewan's basic education system begins with Kindergarten (usually at age 5) and progresses through high school, ending in Grade 12. Saskatchewan's educators work closely with students to ensure they have the best start in our schools. Some schools even offer some classes in Ukrainian. There are no tuition costs to families for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

- **Childcare**

We know this transition is difficult. We will have teams in place who can provide information about safe, nurturing childcare options for families who require this service after you get settled.

- **Religion**

Finding a place of worship is an important support for many newcomers. There are several Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches operating in the province (both virtual and in-person services) as well as churches of other faiths.

- **Communication**

Being able to use your communication devices soon after you arrive is important. You will be provided with a new SIM card and prepaid cell phone service upon arrival for an interim period (at no cost to you).

- **Community Support**

Saskatchewan is full of caring people and organizations ready to welcome you to their communities and help you with your orientation to our province.



Zabutnyy Dance Company



Regina, Saskatchewan



Wheat Fields of Saskatchewan



There are many new things to learn and experience when you move to a new country, new province and new community and we have people in place that will assist with your transition. Here are just some pieces of information we hope will be helpful to you as you settle into your Saskatchewan community.

- **Weather**

There are four seasons in Saskatchewan: spring, summer, fall and winter. Summer daytime temperatures generally range from 20-25 degrees Celsius. However, it's also not unusual to have cloudy, cooler days or even periods where daytime temperatures reach 30 degrees Celsius or more! Dressing in light layers will help you adjust and be comfortable with our varying summer temperatures. Shorts, sleeveless/short sleeved tops and sandals are all popular summer wear in Saskatchewan.

- **Driving**

In Saskatchewan, you need a valid driver's licence to drive a motor vehicle. Anyone holding a full-stage Ukrainian category B passenger vehicle licence can exchange it for a Saskatchewan Class 5 licence. There is no cost to do so and our officials will assist you with this process.

- **Recreation**

Saskatchewan's parks, lakes and wide open spaces make it a great place to live and explore. Whether you prefer a quiet day of fishing, loudly cheering on a professional football team, enjoying music festivals or something in between, Saskatchewan is a great place to do it!

- **Settlement Support**

There are a number of groups in the province that offer support services to newcomers. These include translation and interpretation services, cultural support, English classes, general orientation assistance, employment support and more. We can help connect you to these services when you arrive.



Earth Bound Bakery and Kitchen



Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For information about what programs and services are available to you once you arrive in Saskatchewan, contact us by phone:

Outside of North America: +1-306-787-0482

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