

Eligibility for Housing Compensation

1. *Who qualifies for compensation for housing damaged or destroyed due to war?*

The following individuals are entitled to receive compensation:

- Property owners;
- Members of housing cooperatives;
- Individuals who have invested in property construction (at the time of property destruction or damage, the load-bearing structures and external fencing structures, for which the right to carry out construction work has been obtained, must be erected);
- Heirs of the above-mentioned individuals.

Priority rights to receive compensation **in case of property destruction** belong to 4 categories of citizens:

- Participants in hostilities, individuals with disabilities due to war, families of deceased veterans of war and Defenders of Ukraine;
- Individuals called up for military service during mobilization who have not been granted the status of participants in hostilities;
- Individuals with disabilities of I and II groups;
- Large families.

Priority rights to receive compensation **in case of property damage**, in addition to the above-mentioned categories of citizens, belong to the following additional categories of citizens: foster parents of a family-type children's home; adoptive parents; guardianship guardians; individuals among the ranks of orphaned children and children deprived of parental care; guardians/caretakers.

Individuals who have priority rights to receive compensation must confirm their status by attaching relevant documents to the compensation application. The consideration of applications for receiving and paying compensation is carried out in order of priority. However, if a person has a priority right to receive compensation, the application review and compensation payment will be carried out taking this right into account.

The provisions of the Law regarding the provision of compensation for damaged and destroyed property do not apply to damaged or destroyed apartments and houses that were located in the temporarily occupied territory of Ukraine as of February 24, 2022.

To receive compensation, information about ownership rights to an apartment or house must be entered into the State Register of Property Rights to Real Estate.

2. *What necessary documentation and deadlines are set for compensation?*

To obtain compensation, it is necessary to have:

- Documents confirming ownership rights to the property (purchase and sale agreements, deeds of gift, etc.);
- Photo and video materials of the property before/after destruction (if available, but in case of compensation payments for repairing damaged property, it is recommended to provide photo and video materials);
- Documents confirming the performance of repair works in the apartment or house (receipts, invoices, etc.);
- Documents confirming the priority right to receive compensation.

The compensation application is processed **within 30 days** from the date of its submission. This period may be either suspended or extended.

Suspension of the processing period for the compensation application may occur for the following reasons:

- Failure to submit or incomplete submission of information necessary to receive compensation;
- The recipient of the compensation is suspected of committing a criminal offense, for crimes against the fundamental principles of Ukraine's national security.

Extension of the processing period for the compensation application may occur if the destroyed apartment or house is located in an area affected by military operations or is temporarily occupied.

3. *What is the legal process to apply for housing compensation (step-by-step instruction)?*

Algorithm for obtaining compensation:

- Optionally, install the mobile application "Dia" (if submitting the application electronically); alternatively, the compensation application can be submitted through the center for administrative services provision, the social protection authority, or a notary public;
- Submission of an informational message about the damaged or destroyed property;
- Submission of the compensation application;
- Opening a bank account (the list of participating banks is determined by the state, which can be clarified either directly when submitting the application in paper form or through the "Dia" mobile application);
- Consideration of the application by the relevant commission (preparation of a commission inspection report and/or technical inspection report; in the case of damage to an apartment or house, a checklist is also prepared);
- Decision-making regarding the provision of compensation or refusal to provide compensation;
- Payment of compensation (transfer of funds to the account or financing the purchase of property). Compensation is also provided for the execution of current or capital repairs in the apartment or house at the applicant's expense.