

TEMPORARY SPECIAL COMMISSION

on the protection of property and non-property rights of internally displaced and other persons affected by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine

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DECISION

About the payment of housing allowance to internally displaced persons in 2024

Currently, the provision of housing assistance to internally displaced persons is carried out in accordance with the Procedure for providing housing assistance to internally displaced persons, approved by Resolution № 332 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated March 20, 2022.

Such assistance is paid monthly to about 2.5 million internally displaced persons or authorized persons for internally displaced persons in case of incapacity of the recipient or the child in the following amount:

for persons with disabilities and children - 3,000 hryvnias.

for other persons - 2000 hryvnias.

At the same time, the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated July 31, 2023, № 789 "On Amendments to the Procedure for Providing Accommodation Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons" amendments were made to the specified Procedure, according to which, starting August 1, 2023, the assistance was assigned (reassigned) for six months without automatic extension for the vast majority of internally displaced persons who will receive housing assistance.

Without an urgent resolution of this situation and amendments to the Procedure for providing accommodation assistance to internally displaced persons, approved by Resolution № 332 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated March 20, 2022, more than 2 million internally displaced persons are at risk of stopping the payment of accommodation assistance from February 1, 2024.

That's why the question payment of housing allowance to internally displaced persons in 2024 was considered at the meeting of the Temporary Special Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on the protection of property and non-property rights of internally displaced persons and other persons affected by the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) on January 11, 2024 with the participation of the First Deputy Minister of Social Policy of Ukraine D.M. Marchak and Deputy Minister of Finance of Ukraine R.V. Yermolycheva

Thus, R. Yermolychev noted that there is no threat of loss of funding by internally displaced persons, as expenditures in the State Budget of 2024 are considered at the level of the State Budget of 2023, which was established during the adoption of the relevant Law as

a whole. If there is a need to increase expenditures, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine will seek additional resources in this regard. At the same time, all non-defense expenditures are financed from the funds of international partners, and in accordance with the memorandum with the International Monetary Fund, Ukraine must ensure the targeting of these payments and revise the criteria for their implementation accordingly. At the same time, even the budget adopted by the Verkhovna Rada is insufficiently financially supported, and today there were facts that the World Bank suspended the reimbursement of payments under medical guarantees due to the presence of questions from international auditing companies regarding compliance with the purpose of these payments.

At the same time, D. Marchak reported that the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine developed a draft resolution of Ukraine "On Amendments to Certain Resolutions of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine Regarding Social Support of Internally Displaced Persons and Other Vulnerable Categories of Persons", the purpose of which is to ensure the continuation of state support. that is, the payment of housing allowance to internally displaced persons who are unable to work (pensioners, persons with disabilities), for all children in the country as a whole, moreover, the payment for orphans will automatically continue, as well as for all families living in the zone hostilities or in the zone of possible hostilities, but with the stimulation of the family to find their own sources of income. This means that if there are several persons of working age in the family and all of these persons do not work, then the requirement will be applied that the family will receive assistance, but the second, third and others, as many as there are able-bodied persons in the family, must then become obligated it is necessary to register with the State Employment Center or get a job, or apply for a grant program of the Ministry of Economy (that is, after the appointment of a payment, an internally displaced person must start thinking about his own economic capacity). Payments will also be made to families who live, for example, in a conditionally safe zone, but in the absence of an opportunity to place children in preschools or schools for offline education.

For families in which no one can go to work for objective reasons, because there is a small child or a child under the age of 14, because there is a disabled person who needs care, because there is an old person who needs care, and for assistance will be automatically extended to all such families.

On the contrary, there will be no continuation of assistance if there are two able-bodied family members in the family, that is, a young man, a young woman, both do not work and there are no children and no one to care for.

In addition, the draft resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers envisages the expansion of the toolkit of assistance to the poor, because now assistance to an internally displaced person replaces a non-working tool for assistance to families in need. Work is underway to ensure that this basic tool - the payment of aid to a person who finds himself in difficult life circumstances - works effectively. There is provision for simplifying the entry of internally displaced persons into the assistance program for the poor, the amount of which may be comparable or even higher than the housing allowance for IDPs.

At the same time, it is envisaged to remove the requirement to pay for the previous 3 months of social security for persons returning from abroad, to ensure their right to apply for assistance payments to the poor.

At the same time, it was noted that the Procedure for providing housing assistance to internally displaced persons, approved by Resolution № 332 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated March 20, 2022, is extremely complex, burdensome in scope and teaching style, and is extremely difficult to understand its essence not only by internally displaced persons, but also in some places to various applications by various state structures.

At the meeting of the Commission, the legislative initiative submitted to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by the members of the Commission was discussed - the draft Law of Ukraine "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring the Rights and Freedoms of Internally Displaced Persons" regarding the payment of housing allowance, taking into account the assessment of the satisfaction of needs and the degree integration of an internally displaced person at the place of his actual residence" (reg. № 10382 dated 28.12.2023), which establishes clear grounds for not assigning or terminating the payment of such monthly allowance, namely:

- returning to the occupied territory or to the territory where hostilities are taking place, going abroad without valid reasons for a long period of time, submitting false information.

- availability of housing from 13.65 m² per person but not less than 25 m² - per family in the territory controlled by Ukraine or receiving compensation for damaged or destroyed housing from the state budget.

- purchase of a car or other movable property worth 30 minimum wages or more (for a car over 8 years old - 50 minimum wages) or having such an amount in a bank deposit account or buying real estate worth 50 minimum wages or more.

- average monthly income of 2 minimum salaries per person.

- stay on full state maintenance in the appropriate boarding schools or places of deprivation of liberty.

- failure to take measures regarding employment for able-bodied persons is extremely important for attracting IDPs to work to bring our victory closer.

It was also noted that the amount of funds provided in the State Budget of Ukraine for 2024 for the payment of housing assistance to internally displaced persons under KPKVK 2501530 amounts to UAH 57.6 billion, which is about UAH 18 billion less than what was provided for these purposes in the State Budget to the budget of Ukraine for 2023 - after making appropriate changes to the budget during 2023. It was noted the need to take appropriate measures on the part of all state bodies to prevent such a trend from continuing in the future.

Based on the results of consideration of the specified issue, the Commission decided:

1. Information from the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine should be noted.
2. Contact the Prime Minister of Ukraine with a proposal to urgently make changes to the resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated March 20, 2022, № 332 "Some issues of payment of housing allowance to internally displaced persons» and to the Order approved by it, in terms of the automatic extension

(maintenance) of payments from February 1, 2024 for the majority of internally displaced persons who received this assistance in 2023.

3. To contact the Prime Minister of Ukraine with a proposal to find an opportunity to leave the amount of funding provided for the payment of housing assistance to internally displaced persons (KPKVK 2501530) at the actual level of 2023, and in the event of a deterioration of the situation regarding the availability of external funding resources of the State Budget of Ukraine for 2024 year - at the level stipulated in the Law of Ukraine "On the State Budget of Ukraine for 2024".
4. Send the Commission's decision to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, as well as to the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.

Chairman of the Commission

P. Frolov

Secretary of the Commission

S. Velmozhnyi