Questions and answers for parents/ legal guardians on the procedure for enrolling Ukrainian children in Moldovan schools:

- 1. Who can request the enrolment of a child in a Moldovan school?
 - The parent, the legally responsible person or the legal representative of the child can enrol the child in school, whether they have applied for temporary protection or not.

2. What are the steps that a parent/ legal representative/legally responsible person needs to take to enrol a child in a school?

- a. Fill out an application form.
 - a. Preschool education (Ukrainian): <u>cerere-</u> <u>tip invatamant prescolar ro 4 0 ukr.docx (live.com)</u>
 - b. Preschool education (Russian): <u>cerere-</u> <u>tip invatamant prescolar ro 4 0 rus.docx (live.com)</u>
 - c. General Education (Ukrainian): <u>cerere-</u> <u>tip invatamant general ro 1 0 ukr.docx (live.com)</u>
 - d. General Education (Russian): <u>cerere-</u> <u>tip invatamant general ro 1 0 rus.docx (live.com)</u>

The application includes the following information:

- general data about the child (name, surname; date and place of birth);
- general data about one of the parents/legal representative/legally responsible person (name, surname; date and place of birth);
- data concerning the status of the applicant;
- data with reference to the form of enrolment/educational services requested;
- request regarding the language of instruction/communication;

• address of the domicile/temporary residence/place of temporary stay on the territory of the Republic of Moldova

• contact details (telephone, email address) of one of the parents/legal representative/legally responsible person of the child.

- b. Gather the required documents (see below)
- c. Submit the application form and required documents to the local school you would like your child to attend.

3. What documents need to be submitted to enrol a child in school?

- a. an application form (see above);
- b. national identity card of one of the parents/legal representative/legally responsible person;
- c. child's birth certificate/national identity card;
- d. child's medical records from the country of origin (Ukraine) or the child's medical certificate issued by the authorities of the Republic of Moldova, which allows for his/her integration into the educational environment;
- e. documents confirming the student's studies (confirmatory documents certifying the student's electronic studies, without a wet stamp; scanned personal files with the electronic academic records or confirmations from the institutions of the educational system in Ukraine are also accepted).

Note: A child can still enrol in school in Moldova even if they do not have previous school documents.

4. Are documents confirming previous education in Ukraine required?

- Yes, documents confirming the student's education are required to enrol in school.
- If documents confirming the student's previous education cannot be provided at the time of enrolment but will eventually be submitted, the parent/legal representative/legally responsible person of the child may submit an affidavit confirming they will submit the missing document(s) within a "reasonable time."
- If the documents are not available at all, the school should be informed, and the director of the school should set up an institutional committee (made up of the director/deputy director, teachers and school psychologist or the representative of the district/municipal psycho-pedagogical assistance service) to establish in which grade to place the child, in accordance with the grade attended in Ukraine and with the age level.
- Children who are requesting enrolment in the 10th grade, but who are not expected to restore the certificate confirming that they passed the secondary school exams in Ukraine, are enrolled in the 10th grade, provided that they present the Ukrainian secondary school graduation certificate during their high school studies or equate during the same period the program differences for the secondary school in the Republic of Moldova, with them taking the national secondary school graduation exams and being promoted in the high school educational institution where he/she studies.

- 5. Do the documents confirming the student's previous education need to be notarised or revalidated?
 - The documents confirming the student's education do not need to be notarised or translated into Romanian.
 - Electronic or scanned copies are accepted.

6. Where and from what date can an application for a child enrolment in school be filed?

- Applications for the enrolment of Ukrainian children may be submitted at any time during the school year. If a school has reached capacity, they will refer prospective students to another nearby school.
- While Ukrainian children can enrol in any school in the Republic of Moldova which has space, the following schools have been identified with available spaces to welcome refugee students: <u>here (RO, RU)</u>

7. If there are problems with enrolling a child in the school, who should parents/legal representatives/legally responsible persons contact?

- If there are any problems with enrolling a child in the school, it is recommended for parents to contact the local body specialized in education:
 - List of contacts for Chisinau: [RO || RU]
 - The list of contacts for other districts can be found here: [RO || RU]

8. If a child is already attending a school in Moldova, is it necessary to submit another application for the new school year?

Students who are already studying in an educational institution in the Republic of Moldova and have been enrolled with student status, do not need to submit an additional application.

9. Can a student enrol as an auditor at a Moldovan school?

No. Auditor status no longer exists. Students can choose to either fully enrol in a Moldovan school, or continue studying the Ukrainian curriculum online, ideally in a school-based setting.

10. I am a Ukrainian student and I want to continue studying the Ukrainian online curriculum, but I want to do so from inside a Moldovan school. Is this possible?

Yes. Upon request, general educational institutions can facilitate access to remote learning of students who wish to study online according to the Ukrainian study program. Contact your local school for more information.

UNICEF and other partners are setting up EduTech labs inside several schools across Moldova to welcome children who would like to continue online learning in a school setting.

11. If the parent/carer and/or children do not have Temporary Protection status in the country, can they be enrolled in a school?

All Ukrainian children who came in Moldova after the 24th of February 2022 can enroll in Moldovan schools, whether they or their parent/legal representative/legally responsible persons of the child have temporary protection or not.

12. Will children studying in Moldova receive an official certificate issued by the Ministry of Education and Research, like Moldovan students, confirming that they attended an educational institution in the Republic of Moldova?

- Children in primary school who completed the school year will receive a document confirming that they have completed the grade level.
- All graduates who have passed the national lower secondary school graduation examinations (9th grade) will be issued the diploma (Certificate of lower secondary education).
- Upper-secondary (12th grade) graduates may request to take the national baccalaureate examination.
- After passing the national baccalaureate examination, the graduate will be issued a high school diploma which confers the right to be enrolled in higher education and post-secondary non-tertiary technical vocational education.
- The educational institution issues a high school certificate, which entitles students who have not applied for the national baccalaureate examination, or candidates who have not passed the national baccalaureate examination but have completed the entire high school course, to attend vocational training programs in secondary technical and post-secondary technical vocational education institutions.

13. Where can students attend Romanian language courses?

• The Ministry of Education and Research launched this year the Romanian Language Study Program for national minorities, including adult population, which is open to all those who wish to learn Romanian, including refugees from Ukraine. The courses are free of charge and are available in all regions of Moldova. To more details and, more specifically, to register for the program, you can call the phone number 022234623.

 Romanian classes are offered at many community locations, in addition to three universities in Moldova Balţi State University, Chişinau State University of Moldova, and Comrat State University, as well as at two community centres in Chisinau, 151 31 august 1989 Street, and Causeni, 7 Alexei Mateevici Street.

14. If a young person attends college in Ukraine and wants to transfer to Moldova, is it possible?

The application must be submitted to MER and each application will be considered individually. Please note that only a few colleges have study programs in Russian. Applications for colleges started on 17 July 2023.

15. Can refugees enrol in a Moldovan university?

- Yes. Refugees, including Ukrainians, can enrol in a Moldovan university.
- Submission of applications to universities for the 2023-2024 academic year was open from 24 July through the end of August 2023.
- A list of public and private universities in Moldova can be found here: <u>https://mecc.gov.md/ro/content/institutiile-de-invatamant-superior</u>
- Admission information and required documentation are available on the website of the ministry https://mec.gov.md/ro/content/admiterea-2023 and the websites of each university.
- Documents submitted for enrolment must be translated to a language understandable in the Republic of Moldova (Romanian, Russian, English) and be notarised.
- Students can check with the university if they can send a photo ID if their passport is not available.
- As a rule, students can submit copies of their documents at the first submission, either online on the university website or in person at the university. But later, after

enrolment, they must provide the original documents. Applicants have the right to register for admission contest for bachelor's/integrated studies at the same time, at one or more higher education institutions, in various fields of professional training; they can choose at each of the selected institutions, in the priority order, a maximum number of programs, established by the senate of the educational institution, but can be enrolled in only **one study program** within **one higher education institution**, from those they have selected. The applicant accepted to several higher education institutions, opts for the selected institution and specialty, by submitting the **original study documents** to the respective educational institution, within the established deadline.

- Most universities have Russian language courses, but students can take a one-year introductory Romanian language course if necessary. Other universities offer courses in English. Please check with each university for details.
- Ukrainian students will pay the same tuition fees at State and Private universities as Moldovan students.
- The person in charge from MER is Doina Usaci. E-mail: doina.usaci@mec.gov.md and phone number: 022233213

16. Are scholarships available for students from Ukraine?

- For the 2023-2024 academic year, 106 state-funded places have been allocated for foreign students at state universities in the country 76 at bachelor's and 30 at master's level, offering priority to Ukrainian students.
- No scholarships are available at private universities. However, if students need financial assistance, their situation can be considered on an individual basis. To do so, students need to apply to the Rector of the university, to submit a request describing their situation. Each case will be considered individually, depending on the social situation and school performance of the student.

17. Where can Ukrainian students live while studying at university?

- Public and private universities have a limited number of places in dormitories. Fees for accommodation in dormitories are charged separately from tuition fees. Please check with each individual university for more information on this issue.
- Dormitory fees are not part of the scholarship and must be paid. The *dormitory monthly fees is 784-2258 lei per student*, according to the conditions provided.