

Free public transport in Riga for Ukrainian war refugees next year

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On Monday, 5 December, Riga City Council Transport Issues Committee approved amendments to the municipality's binding regulations* stipulating that Ukrainian civilians registered with the Riga Support Centre will be granted 100 per cent fare reductions on public transport in the capital next year.

The decision taken by Riga City Council in the summer of this year allows Ukrainian war refugees to travel free of charge until the end of this year. This period is now to be extended until 30 June 2023.

Amendments to the binding regulations still need to be adopted in the council meeting and approved by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development.

Ukrainian civilians who have registered with the Riga Support Centre and live in Riga are granted reduced fares in Riga public transport – trams, trolleybuses, and buses.

Those Ukrainian civilians who do not have an e-ticket and have not been granted a fare discount can visit any customer service centre of “Rīgas satiksme” or go to Riga Support Centre for the residents of Ukraine at 4 Amatu Street to apply for a personalised e-ticket and receive a discount, presenting an identity document and a printout with the personal code assigned in Latvia.

In September and October of 2022, there were on average 266 000 ticket registrations made by Ukrainian civilians per month in Riga public transport.

*[Amendments to the Binding Regulation No. 89 of 24 August 2010 of Riga City Council, Regarding Reduced Fares in the Route Network of Riga City Public Transport.](#)

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