

Note: This document is supplemental and offers further explanation to the guidance update by the U.S. Department of state dated March 11, 2022.

1. **The Department of State (DOS) Guidance for Ukrainian Nationals** – note that it discusses “**nonimmigrant visa**” options (*this would be **temporary visitors visas (B Visa for example)**), not immigrant visas for “immediate relatives” of U.S. citizens.
 - a. Usually for nonimmigrant visas, such as the **B visitor visa**, the applicant has to demonstrate that they have significant ties to their home country (bank accounts, assets, a job, a house, property, family, etc.) to evidence their intention of returning to their home country after visiting the U.S.
 - b. Applicants will also have to show that they have no intention of living in the U.S. Given the current situation there, this may be hard to prove, but if the applicant is able to demonstrate ties to Europe and no intention of staying in the U.S. long term, they can submit the application – it will be up to the officers to decide.

2. A practice pointer from the **American Immigration Attorneys Association (AILA)** – This outlines options for “**Immediate Relatives**” of **U.S. citizens** - this means spouses, parents or children under 21. For **Immigrant Visa processing (to get green cards/permanent residency)** – the relevant Consulates processing those for Ukrainian Nationals are: **Frankfurt, Germany and Warsaw, Poland.**
 - a. For nonimmigrant visas (tourist/visitor’s visas) – the 5 consulates processing these for Ukrainian nationals are:
 - (i) Poland;
 - (ii) Moldova;
 - (iii) Hungary;
 - (iv) Romania; and
 - (v) Slovenia.