

Food Safety 1st Announcement

RE: Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program & Food Safe

On July 15, 2023 the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program was closed under the Government of Canada.

The Food Safe course provided by **Food Safety 1st** for free of charge to Ukrainian people under the CUAET program has now come to an end, as of June 5, 2024.

Food Safety 1st has offered this program for over two years and provided 160 Ukrainian people with their food safe certificate for free of charge ... providing them with food safety knowledge and certification, hope, job opportunities and a brighter future ahead.

Ukrainian people along with all members of the public and people already working within the food industry can still register and attend any of the food safe courses posted on this website. The registration fee is \$69.00 (includes GST).

<https://foodsafety1st.com/registration.php>

Background

On February 24, 2022, (2 years, 3 months and 12 days ago), I was sitting at my kitchen table with my wife having supper and watching the news... we watched in horror as Ukrainians awoke to the nightmare of a full-scale, illegal invasion by Russia. Life would never be the same again... Some Ukrainians risked their lives leaving Ukraine, too often saying farewell to loved ones for the very last time.

I knew that many Ukrainians would come here to Canada,... Saskatchewan, ... Saskatoon, and I felt that I needed to do something to help ... as I could not imagine our home being invaded, bombed, and having to run from the evils of war... go to a foreign country where I couldn't speak the language but yet trying to find work, an income and support myself and my family, and still worried about your family left back in Ukraine.

So what could "I" do? ... a middle class semi-retired Canadian who couldn't understand why this was occurring but whole heartily understood that pain, agony, suffering and death ... my dad, a WWII survivor and a proud Legion member taught me along with other Legion Veterans that we in Canada are so very lucky to live here in peace.

As a Public Health Inspector for over 26 years I have provided the Food Safe Course, (Safe Food Handling), to thousands of people across Saskatchewan and since the pandemic, provided this food safe course "Live" on-line across Canada and around the world, including Ukraine and Vietnam! In Saskatchewan like other Canadian Provinces, this Food Safe course is required by law where people work in the food Industry in such places as restaurants, hotels, hospital, institutions, concessions, exhibitions, day cares, group homes, care homes, etc. I have seen the importance of this food safe

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certificate as it provides the participants with a wealth of knowledge on food safety, as well as hundreds of job opportunities within our communities.

My plan, **provide the Food Safe Course free of charge to Ukrainian's** who have fled their homes on or after February 22, 2022 (the date of the invasion). ... and to qualify, I simply asked Ukrainians to provide a copy of their Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (**CUAET**) **Work Permit** dated on or after February 22, 2022.

My goal, provide the Food safe certificate that provides the opportunity to secure a job, income, stability and perhaps a brighter future for Ukrainian people who came here to Canada frightened and maybe with a suitcase of personal belongings.

On April 14, 2022, I went to The Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan office and paid them to translate the Food Safe Exam into Ukrainian.

On July 12, 2022 I provided the first Ukrainian a Food Safe Certificate to Liubov Okun, which was highlighted in the media.

Media Coverage with 650 CKOM / 980 CJME / Discover Estevan was extensive, greatly appreciated and certainly got the word out about this program.

On July 18, 2022, "Sask. man offering free practical skills for Ukrainian newcomers"

<https://www.ckom.com/2022/07/18/sask-man-offering-free-practical-skills-for-ukrainian-newcomers/?fbclid=IwAR3TI01e6t0kHxyg6kyx8FDfLOWAWR1ieda3pmDoU0MHRfnGhuW2VRmGbKQ>

On July 20, 2022, "Ukrainian women first to take, pass free food safety course"

<https://www.cjme.com/2022/07/20/ukrainian-women-first-to-take-pass-free-food-safety-course/?fbclid=IwAR1HGkTeXrPX085u4zdeTcsG7h9wRBj4toEisq5Kb7Q13vdg4VW1CQwVEI>

I traveled to Estevan on September 27, 2023 "Food Safety Course helps out Ukrainian families in Estevan" <https://www.discoverestevan.com/articles/food-safety-course-helps-out-ukrainian-families-in-estevan>

Offering this food safe course free of charge to the Ukrainian people needs a lot of financial support as each participant receives a Food Safe Participant manual (book) that cost \$17.00 to print plus shipping costs from the Kings Printer in British Columbia... plus printing and mailing the certificates via Canada post cost \$5.00 / certificate ... and to say I will cover all cost without knowing the response, without knowing the number of people interested in attending the course ... but that is where sponsorships came in to help.

Sponsors!

Without the sponsorships in purchasing the Food Safe Participant manuals (books), I would be very much limited to the number of people I could be able to provide this course to.... So a huge, great big "Thank You!" to all of the sponsors: I cannot thank these sponsors enough!

- ✓ My first sponsors were Chantal McLeod & Chris McLeod, my daughter and son-in-law who provided funds to purchase the first two books under this program, and soon after the sponsorships came rolling in:
 - ✓ The International Women of Saskatoon (IWS) - donated 10 books

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- ✓ Krystal LeBlanc - donated 2 books
- ✓ Croatia Industries LTD. Ken Cenaiko, P.Eng. President - donated 10 books
- ✓ Sutherland Auto Clinic - Ivan Daviduik – donated 6 books
- ✓ MMI Lifestyles - Vicki Richert – donated 6 books
- ✓ Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society - donated 1 book for their participant in Nanaimo B.C.
- ✓ Croatia Industries LTD Ken Cenaiko, President – a SECOND DONATION of 10 books
- ✓ Andria Pihach – donated 2 books
- ✓ Sisters of St. Joseph - Sr. Evhenia – donated 30 books
- ✓ Love Zone Early Learning Center – Melodie Lecitivo – donated 10 books
- ✓ Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan – donated 20 books
- ✓ Sunflower Network in Estevan, C/O Rosetown Community Church – donated 17 books
- ✓ Jennifer and Brandyn McCartney – donated 3 books
- ✓ Kevin and Amber Boschuk – donated 2 books
- ✓ Noelle and Fraser Heibert – donated 5 books
- ✓ Sammi Harasymchuk and Curtis Harasymchuk – donated 2 books
- ✓ Master Declan Albus and Master James Albus (Russell’s Grandsons) – donated 1 book
- ✓ Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan – a SECOND DONATION of 20 books

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Totals donations received purchased 159 Food Safe Participant manuals (books).

Within this program, I have provided the Food Safe course both in-class, on-site and “Live” on-Line to Ukrainian people in the following locations:

In Saskatchewan: Aberdeen, Canora, Carrot River, Cut Knife, Elrose, Eston, Foam Lake, Martensville, Outlook, Prince Albert, Regina, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Theodore, Wakaw, Warman, Wiseton

In Canada: Hamilton Ontario, Kelowna BC., West Kelowna B.C., Nanaimo B.C., Langley B.C.

Outside Canada: Ukraine



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The Government of Canada concludes their commitment to Ukrainian people under Canada Ukraine authorization for emergency travel program (CUAET)

The Government of Canada website states: Our commitment to support those affected by the Russian invasion of Ukraine has brought hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians and their loved ones to Canada.

July 15, 2023, was the last day to apply for a visitor visa under the Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel

The deadline to apply for a visa under the CUAET measures has passed. We're no longer accepting applications. If you submitted an application on or before July 15, 2023, we'll process it.

CIMM – Ukraine – October 24, 2023

- Canada continues to stand with the people of Ukraine and is committed to helping Ukrainians and their family members find a temporary safe haven while they flee war.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/transparency/committees/cimm-october-24-2023/ukraine.html>

And finally, on behalf of myself, my family, Public Health Inspectors across Canada and all Canadians across this great nation, we hope and pray that a quick and positive resolution will soon take place in Ukraine and all other areas where war exists.

"We stand on guard for thee"

Until then ... **Keep Yourself and your Food Safe !**



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