

Ukraine Seeks to Limit Stay for Russians

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Ukraine wants to reduce the length of time Russians are allowed to stay in the country to no more than 90 days within a six-month period as relations continue to deteriorate between the neighbors.

The same level of restriction was applied to Ukrainians coming to Russia at the start of 2014, said Andrei Sibiga, head of the Ukrainian Foreign Ministry's consular department, Interfax reported.

Current Ukrainian migration rules allow Russians to stay in Ukraine for no more than 90 days without registering. However, Russians can indefinitely "renew" their legal 90-day stay in the country by simply crossing the border and coming back — a window that the Ukrainian government is keen to shut.

Moscow and Kiev have been at loggerheads over February's ousting of Kremlin-ally and former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and Russia's annexation of the Black Sea Crimea region.

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