

Money transfer in Ukraine

Under new regulations for foreign currency transfer set by the National Bank of Ukraine any foreign national in Ukraine can transfer abroad during one bank day foreign currency up to the equivalent of 15 000 UAH without being required to open a bank account.

The regulations apply only to non-business money transfers (so called "private transfers"), which, in particular, include money transfers for paying:

- court fees and other foreign state fees;
- treatment services rendered abroad;
- study fees and expenses;
- fees and expenses for visiting international seminars, conferences, congresses, exhibitions etc;
- books and periodicals published abroad;
- goods, services obtained abroad for personal use;
- financial aid to relatives;
- royalties;
- any amount to be paid in connection with the court decision.

For the transfer to be made the person will need to submit to the bank a transfer order, their passport and documents evidencing the origin of the foreign currency to be transferred.

However, there have been imposed some restrictions on payment of foreign currency to the foreign national transferred from abroad. Such a money transfer can be paid to the foreign national (beneficiary) during one day at the sum not exceeding 50 000 UAH. Any excess sum must be credited to the beneficiary's bank account. For the transfer to be paid the beneficiary has to present at the bank a payment order and their passport.

The regulations do not restrict money transfers from bank accounts as well as crediting any money transfer from abroad to bank accounts and their subsequent payment to the beneficiary.

Electronic money in Ukraine

The National Bank of Ukraine has recently approved of regulations governing use of electronic money in Ukraine.

According to the new regulations only banks can issue and redeem digital money in Ukraine. Digital money shall be issued only in Ukrainian currency hryvnya (except for prepaid cards) and the sum stored on an electronic device possessed by the natural person as well as the value of the transaction shall not exceed UAH 5000.

Electronic money can be redeemed by the issuing bank on application of the holder of electronic money by paying cash or transferring money to their bank account. Legal entities can accept electronic money for its exchange for other means of payment provided they have a special agreement with the issuing bank.

Electronic money can be used for paying for goods, services and making transfers to other users. Unfortunately, use of electronic money in Ukraine has been to date relatively low-scale. This is due to the fact, that for accepting digital money as a means of payment the company selling goods and services must have a special agreement with the issuing bank.

New regulations for use of electronic money in Ukraine have been adopted in line with the EU standards.

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