

Resisting War in Ukraine

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Український
Рух
Пацифістів

Co Day in Ukraine

Nonviolent
action

Meetings and cooperation

Statements and petitions

Human rights defense

Peace studies/education

Solidarity and support

День відмови вбивати

Conscientious objection in Ukraine

- Discrimination in legal recognition, restricted to privileged confessions
- Alternative service: hardly accessible (lack of fair procedure), punitive (1.5 times longer than military service)
- Unwilling of Ukraine to comply with recommendations of UN Human Rights Committee
- No exceptions for pacifists in military mobilization policies, including a ban for all men in age 18-60 to travel abroad
- Illegal conscription by de-facto authorities in Crimea and Donbass

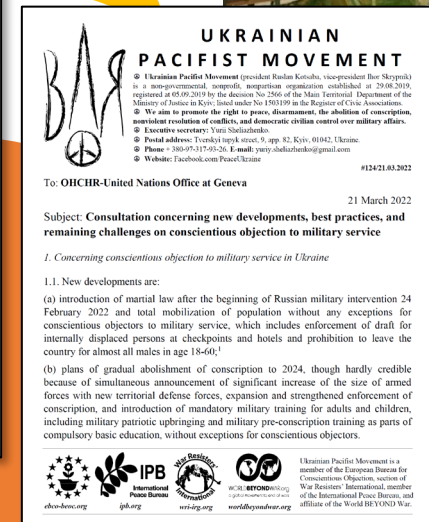
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	 Conscription:	Yes	Reintroduced in 2014 (earlier suspended in 2012). Plans of gradual reduction and abolition of conscription by 2024 were announced despite strengthening enforcement of conscription, expansion of mandatory military training and service with no provisions for conscientious objectors.
	Conscientious objection:	1991	First recognised in the Law of Ukraine "On Alternative (Non-Military) Service" № 1975-XII of 12 December 1991.
	Service Military:	18	12 months for holders of master's degree.
	Civilian:	27	18 months for holders of master's degree.
	Minimum Conscription:	18	Compulsory in the age of 18-26.
	Voluntary enlistment:	17	Under 18 for military schools: 17 for cadets
More 	https://ebco-beoc.org/ukraine including the reply of the Ministry of Defence to the Questionnaire about EBCO's Annual Report 2021 (e-mail on 12/01/2022) and the reply of the Secretariat of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights to the Questionnaire about EBCO's Annual Report 2021 (e-mail on 27/01/2022).		

Source: EBCO annual report "Conscientious Objection to Military Service in Europe 2021"

Ukrainian Pacifists' To-Do List

- ✓ **Uphold human right to refuse to kill!**
Claim legal right to conscientious objection to military service according to international human rights standards. Help to advocate/defend right to refuse to kill.
- ✓ **Stop the war!** Advocate immediate ceasefire, comprehensive good-faith peace talks, and worldwide transition towards nonviolent society.
- ✓ **Build peace!** Help civilians to survive remaining civilians. Tell the truth, give hope, help the needy, study and teach nonviolence. Strengthen solidarity of peace-loving people and peace movement.





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