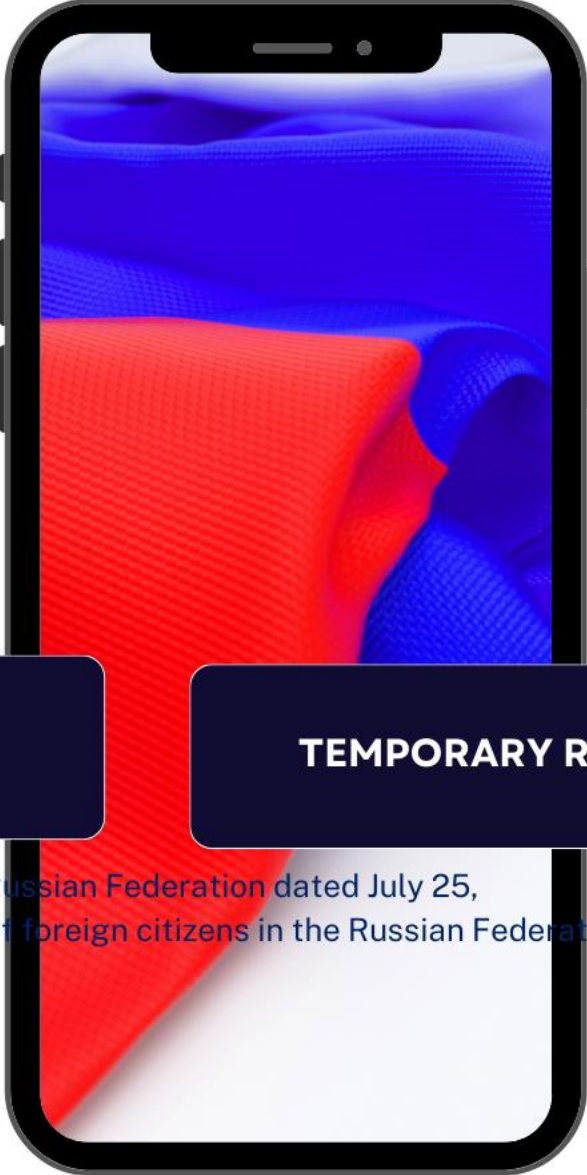




LEGAL STATUSES OF FOREIGN CITIZENS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



LEGAL STATUSES

Basic legal statuses of foreign
citizens in the Russian Federation

TEMPORARILY STAYING

Regulated by the Federal Law of the Russian Federation dated July 25, 2002 No. 115-FZ “On the legal status of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation”

TEMPORARY RESIDENT

PERMANENT RESIDENT

Regulated by Federal Laws of the Russian Federation dated July 25, 2002 No. 115-FZ “On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation” and dated April 28, 2023 No. 138-FZ “On citizenship of the Russian Federation”

LEGAL STATUSES

Basic legal statuses of foreign
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TEMPORARILY STAYING

BASED ON:
VISAS

SPECIAL ORDER:
EAEU

BASED ON:
**PATENT/
WORK PERMIT**

TEMPORARY RESIDENT

BASED ON:
**TEMPORARY
RESIDENCE
PERMIT**

BASED ON:
RVPO
TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE
OF EDUCATION

PERMANENT RESIDENT

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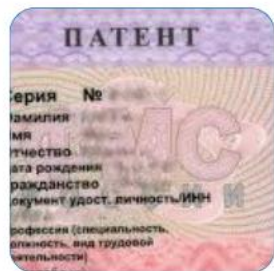
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**OBTAINING
RUSSIAN
CITIZENSHIP**

DOCUMENTS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH A FOREIGN CITIZEN CAN STAY (RESIDE) IN THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION:



Patent/work permit



Temporary residence permit



Resident card



visa
(tourism, medical, etc.)



migration card and registration at the place of stay
(for citizens of the EAEU countries)



Educational migration



visa
purpose: study



migration card, registration and VHI policy
for citizens of the EAEU countries



RVPO
(temporary residence permit for the purpose of education)

FOREIGN WORKERS CARRY OUT LABOR ACTIVITIES ON THE BASIS OF:

Foreign
worker

PATENT for labor activities (for visa-free countries)

The main visa-free countries
whose citizens work in the Russian Federation



Uzbekistan



Tajikistan



Moldova



Azerbaijan



Abkhazia

WORK PERMITS (for visa countries)

Main visa countries
whose citizens work in the Russian Federation



Vietnam



China



India



Türkiye



Iran

DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF A PATENT - VISA-FREE REGIME

Foreign worker
visa-free regime



1
An application for extension of a patent is submitted to the Main Directorate for Migration Issues of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia

2



Passport of a foreign citizen or other identification document and its notarized translation into Russian

3



Migration card

4



Registration at place of residence

5



Voluntary medical insurance policy or agreement on the provision of paid medical services

6



2 photos 3.5x4.5 cm, for stateless people - 5 such photos

7



Certificate or diploma issued in the USSR or Russia - valid for 50 years

OR



Certificate of proficiency in Russian, knowledge of history and fundamentals of Russian legislation - issued after passing the exam and is valid for 3 years

8



Documents of the medical commission

9



tax number

AFTER Documents provided passing the medical commission

HIV-negative certificate - valid for 1 year

Conclusion on absence of drugs in the body - valid for 1 year

Medical certificate of absence of dangerous infectious diseases - valid for 1 year

It is necessary to undergo examination by a narcologist, phthisiatrician, dermatologist, and take a HIV blood test

IMPORTANT:

The patent is issued for a period of 12 months

Do not forget to pay the personal income tax for the patent **every month**. A delay of even 1 day will **cancel the patent**

Within **2 months** after receiving the patent, you must submit a notice of the conclusion of an employment contract

PROCEDURE FOR EXTENSION OF A PATENT

**Foreign
worker**
visa-free regime

List of documents for patent extension:

- ◆◆ A filed application for patent extension in the established form;
- ◆◆ Copy of employment contract;
- ◆◆ Passport or other identity document and its notarized translation into Russian;
- ◆◆ All receipts for payment of personal income tax for the old patent;
- ◆◆ Migration card;
- ◆◆ Voluntary medical insurance policy for the next year or an agreement for the provision of paid medical services.
- ◆◆ Registration at the place of residence;
- An application for extension is submitted **to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia**.
- ◆◆ A document confirming proficiency in the Russian language, knowledge of Russian history and the fundamentals of Russian legislation;
- An **application** for patent extension **is submitted 20 days before** the expiration of the patent.
- ◆◆ Certificate of passing a medical examination;
- After submitting documents for extension of the work patent, the foreign citizen receives a **new work patent**, which **is valid for the next 12 months**.
- ◆◆ Petition from the employer;



WHERE CAN YOU SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN A PATENT:

Moscow

Multifunctional migration center
Sakharovo

Varshavskoe sh., 64th km, house 1, building 47

Saint Petersburg

Migration Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region

Krasnogo Tekstilshchika st., 10-12, lit. D.

Kazan

Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Tatarstan

Mikhail Milya St., 63a

Vladivostok

Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for Primorsky Krai

Oktyabrskaya St., 25

other cities

Check on the website:

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia

USE THE SERVICE ON THE
STATE SERVICES PORTAL



DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING A WORK PERMIT - VISA REGIME

**Foreign
worker**
visa regime



**WORK PERMIT IS ISSUED THROUGH AN EMPLOYER IN THE PRESENCE
OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH A FOREIGN CITIZEN**



1

Application
for a work permit



A foreign citizen's passport or other
identity document, a copy of it and a
notarized translation into Russian
the validity of which must expire no earlier than 6 months from the date of application



Photo
30 x 40 mm



A copy of the document on
professional education,
qualifications

obtained by a foreign worker in a foreign country, or a
certificate of equivalence of such a document to a
Russian diploma (certificate) of professional education



Document confirming payment
of state duty



Medical certificates confirming that the foreign worker
does not have drug addiction or infectious diseases that
pose a danger to others, as provided for in the list
approved by the Government of the Russian Federation



Certificate of absence
of HIV infection



**A certificate or
diploma issued in the
USSR or Russia is
valid for 50 years**

OR



**Certificate of proficiency in
the Russian language,
knowledge of history and
fundamentals of Russian
legislation - issued after
passing the exam and validity**

**For highly
qualified specialists**

PROCEDURE FOR EXTENSION OF WORK PERMIT

**Foreign
worker**
visa regime



Step 1: Work Permit
Extension



Step 2: Work Visa
Extension

Quota and non-quota workers can receive a new work permit without leaving Russia, only if **two conditions** are met: if the **employer** and **position** **remain the same**.

A work visa can only be extended after the work permit has been extended. It is important to start the process early, allowing enough time for each step.

Extension of the work permit is carried out through the employer.



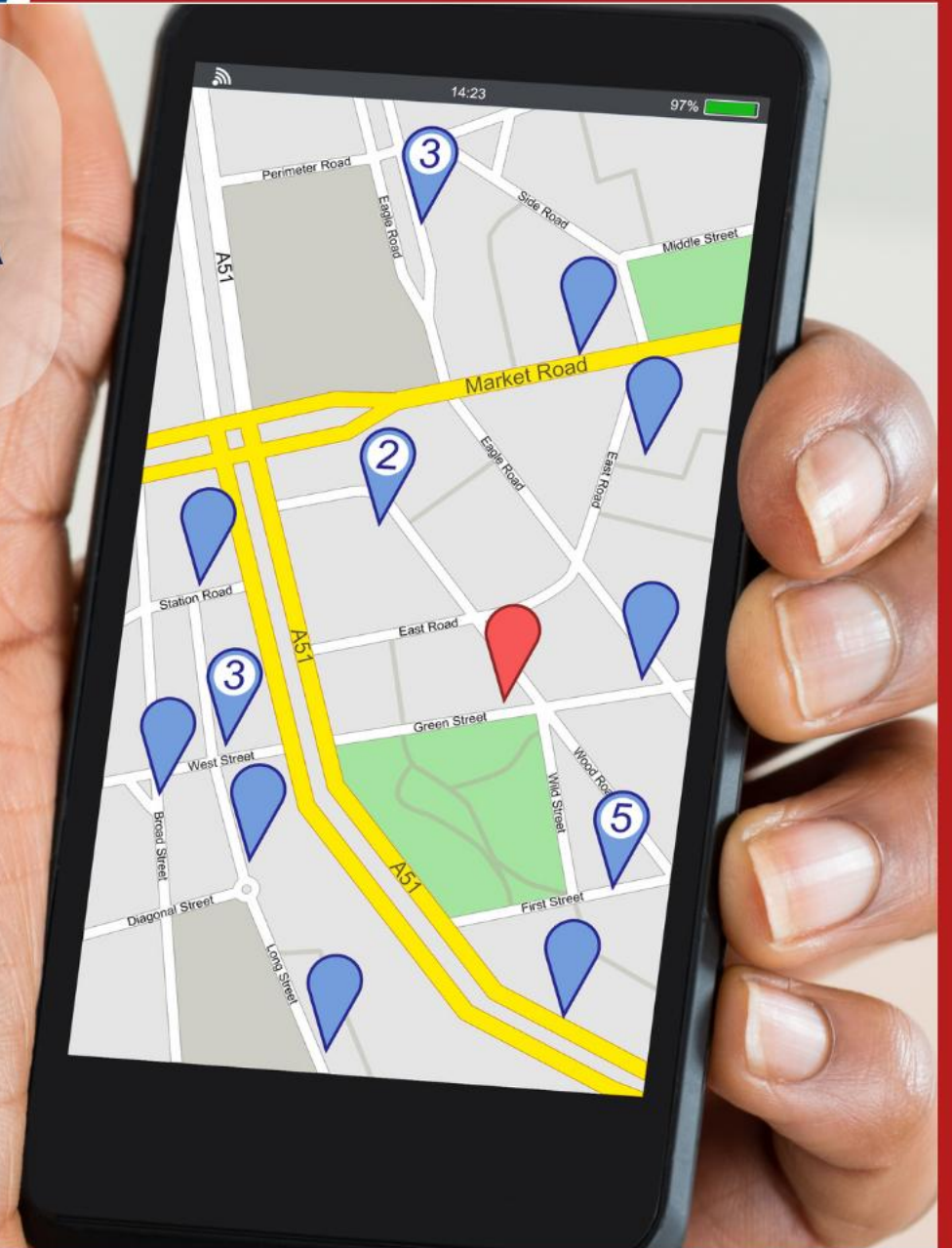


HOW TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN A WORK PERMIT:



WORK PERMIT IS ISSUED THROUGH THE EMPLOYER IN THE PRESENCE OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

find out more
**how does an employer
apply for a work permit**



REQUIREMENTS TO THE LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN WORKERS

**Foreign
worker**

visa and visa-free regimes

- 1 Must be proficient in Russian
- 2 Know the history of Russia
- 3 Know the basics of legislation

For more details, see the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of May 31, 2021 No. 840 (see paragraph 2 of the Requirements)



DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR LEARNING RUSSIAN AND PREPARING FOR MIGRATION EXAMS

**Foreign
worker**
visa and visa-free regimes

Ruslovo

ruslovo.rudn.ru



ЦИФРОВОЙ
подготовительный
факультет

Fipi

inostr-exam.fipi.ru



ФИПИ

Stepik

stepik.org



OpenEdu

openedu.ru



Открытое
образование

**Main Directorate
of the Ministry
of Internal Affairs for
Migration Issues**

FAQ and Reference
Information

mvd.rf





IT IS EASY FOR A FOREIGN STUDENT TO WORK IN RUSSIA



**Foreign
worker**
student

A foreign student does not need a patent or a work permit if he:

- studies full-time in professional educational organizations, higher education organizations or scientific organizations
- is studying under a secondary vocational education program, a bachelor's degree program, a specialist program, a master's degree program, a residency program, an assistantship-internship program that has state accreditation, or under a program for training scientific and scientific-pedagogical personnel in graduate school (adjunct)
- studies full-time
- works in his free time from studies

DOCUMENTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF A FOREIGN STUDENT

**Foreign
worker
student**

1



Passport or other identity document
and its notarized translation into
Russian

2



Registration at the
place of stay

3



Migration card
(in which the educational
purpose of entry is
indicated)

4



Certificate
from the place
of study

5



**Voluntary medical insurance
policy** or agreement for the
provision of paid medical
services

6



Study visa for visa foreign
students, while the inviting
party on the visa must be
identical to the one indicated
in the certificate from the place
of study

7



Medical report
(documents on passing the
medical commission)

8



**Taxpayer
identification number**

9



SNILS
insurance number of
an individual personal
account

10



Certificate
of presence of
antibodies to measles
or vaccination against it

DOCUMENTS THAT CAN BE PROVIDED **AFTER** EMPLOYMENT:

TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT

Temporary
resident



General procedure - by quota



Simplified procedure – subject
to compliance with the criteria
(clause 3, article 2, 115-FZ)

Criteria for the simplified procedure

According to the law, a foreign citizen receives a temporary residence permit without a quota if he:

- is married to a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- has a parent who is a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- has a minor child, a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- has an adult incapacitated child, a citizen of the Russian Federation;
- participant in the program for voluntary resettlement to the Russian Federation;
- **was a citizen of a state that was part of the USSR and received professional education at an accredited university or organization in the Russian Federation;**
- citizen of Ukraine, Kazakhstan or Moldova;
- a citizen of Ukraine who has been recognized as a refugee or has received temporary asylum in the Russian Federation;
- was born on the territory of the RSFSR and had citizenship of the USSR;
- serves in the Russian Federation, but only for the duration of his service.

DOCUMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVE RESIDENCE PERMIT

Temporary resident

General list of documents:

- 

1 **Passport** or other identity document and its notarized translation into Russian
- 

2 **Migration registration**
- 

3 **Migration card** (in which the educational purpose of entry is indicated). Exception, citizen of the Republic of Belarus
- 

4 **Application** for a temporary residence permit
- 

5 **State duty**
- 

6 2 black and white or color photos 3.5x4.5 cm, for stateless persons - 5 such photos
- 

7 **Certificate of no criminal record** for foreign citizens from visa countries.
- 

8 **A certificate or diploma** issued in the USSR or Russia - valid for 50 years.
- 

OR **Certificate** of proficiency in Russian, knowledge of history and fundamentals of Russian legislation - issued after passing the exam and is valid for 3 years
- 

9 Medical certificate of absence of dangerous infectious diseases - valid for 1 year
HIV-negative certificate - valid for 1 year

Depending on the grounds, you will not need to provide some documents and, conversely, attach new ones to prove the existence of grounds.



TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT - REQUIREMENTS TO THE LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Temporary
resident

- 1 Must be proficient in Russian
- 2 Know the history of Russia
- 3 Know the basics of legislation

For more details, see the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of May 31, 2021 No. 840 (see paragraph 3 of the Requirements)





RVPO

Temporary
resident

RVPO - Temporary Residence Permit for the Purpose of Obtaining Education

Who can apply for a Temporary Residence Permit for the Purpose of Obtaining Education?

International students studying:

- in a Russian state or scientific educational organization
- by programs: bachelor's degree; specialist's degree; master's degree; residency; assistantship-internship; postgraduate study (adjunct)
- in person



At the time of application for Temporary Residence Permit for the Purpose of Obtaining Education, the student must be staying in **Russian Federation for at least 6 months** for the purpose of **"Study"**.



DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING EDUCATION

Temporary
resident



1
Application -
Appendix No. 4 (2
copies)



2
Photograph
3.5 x 4.5 cm



3
Applicant's passport and a
notarized translation of all
passport pages



4
Migration card (in which
the educational purpose
of entry is indicated)



5
Documents
confirming the
student status
** You will also need an additional
document for the Temporary Residence
Permit for the Purpose of Obtaining
Education.



6
Results of medical examination
and mandatory state
fingerprinting



7
Document on knowledge of
the Russian language,
history and fundamentals of
Russian legislation



8
A certificate of no criminal
record issued in the
country of citizenship or
the embassy of your
country in Moscow



9
Document
confirming payment
of state duty



10
Notification of
registration for
migration purposes



All documents, drawn up in a foreign
language must be translated and **notarized**
in the Russian Federation.

Medical documents must be issued by a
medical organization authorized to
conduct medical examinations on the
territory of the Russian Federation.



A certificate of no criminal record is not required for visa-free entry into the Russian Federation.



WHERE CAN YOU SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING EDUCATION:

Moscow

Multifunctional migration center Sakharovo

Varshavskoe sh., 64th km, house 1, building 47

Saint Petersburg

Migration Department of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for the city of St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region

Krasnogo Tekstilshchika st., 10-12, lit. D.

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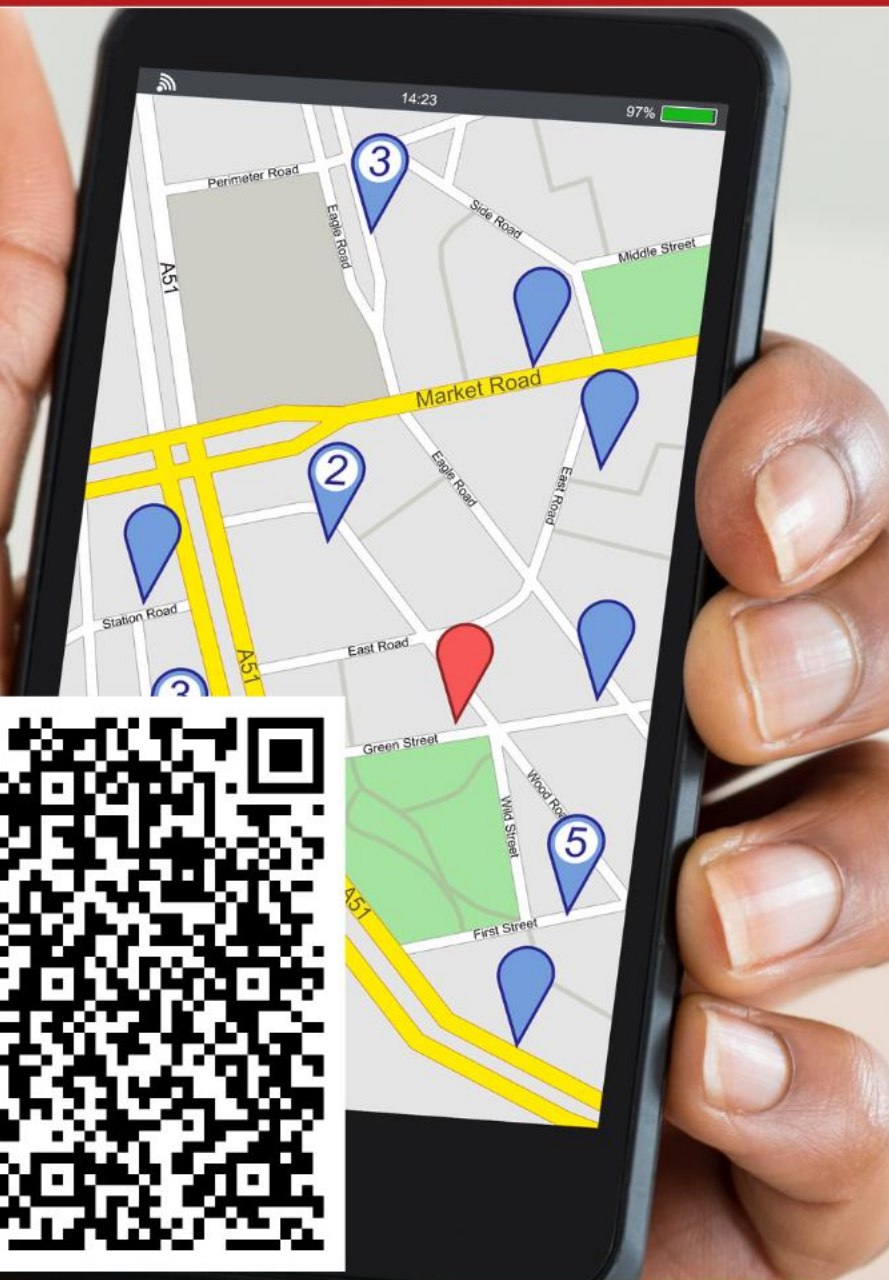
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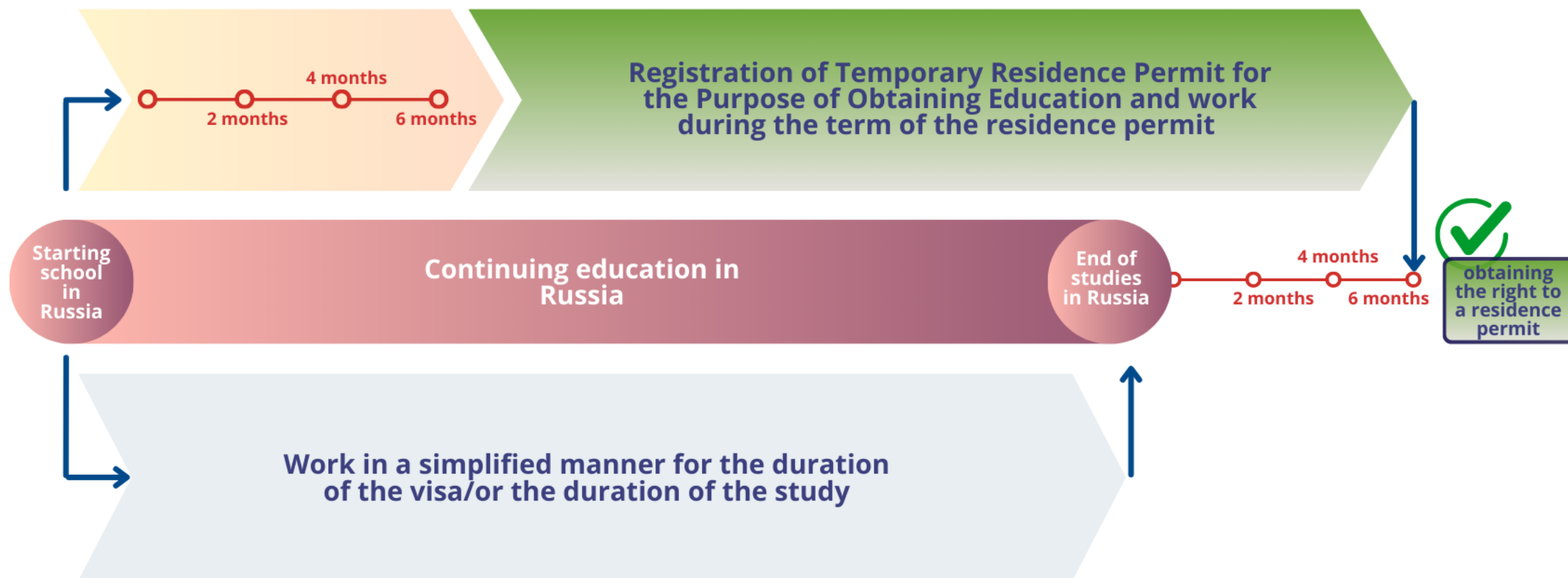
Oktyabrskaya St., 25

other cities

Check on the website:
Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for Migration Issues



ADVANTAGES OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF FOREIGN STUDENTS IN RUSSIA:



RESIDENT CARD

Permanent
resident



General procedure – foreigners with a temporary residence permit in Russia



Simplified procedure – subject to compliance with the criteria (clause 3, article 2, 115-FZ)

Criteria for the simplified procedure

foreign citizen can apply for a residence permit in Russia without obtaining a temporary permit if he/she:

- recognized as a native Russian speaker;
- has an honors diploma on completion of a full-time higher education program at an organization that has state accreditation;
- is a highly qualified specialist working in Russia;
- received the status of a finalist or winner of the all-Russian competition held by the autonomous non-profit organization “Russia – the Land of Opportunities”;
- participant in the program for voluntary resettlement to the Russian Federation;
- born on the territory of the RSFSR and previously held citizenship of the USSR;



Check the full list in
**115-FZ “On the legal status of foreign
citizens in the Russian Federation”**



DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING A RESIDENCE PERMIT

Permanent resident



1
Application for a residence permit



2
4 photos 35x45 mm



3
Passport or other identity document and its notarized translation into Russian



4
Income document
confirming the ability to support yourself and your family within the regional subsistence minimum during the period of registration of the residence permit (certificate from the place of work or declaration of income from entrepreneurial activity, or confirmation of receipt of alimony, or a certificate of the presence of a bank deposit).



5
A document confirming the availability of housing, such as a lease agreement or title deeds, if the foreigner has not left Russia for 3 years



6
Medical documents issued no more than 12 months ago:
medical report on the absence of dangerous infectious diseases, certificate of absence of HIV infection, certificate of absence of drugs in the body



7
Document on knowledge of the Russian language, history and fundamentals of Russian legislation



8
Certificate of no criminal record



9
Receipt for payment of state duty in the amount of 6,000 rubles.



The list of documents for registration of a residence permit (RP) depends on the grounds for obtaining it. To clarify your applicant category and the list of documents, contact [the Ministry of Internal Affairs department](#)



RESIDENT CARD - REQUIREMENTS TO THE LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY OF THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

Permanent
resident

1

Must be proficient
in Russian

2

Know the history
of Russia

3

Know the basics of
legislation

For more details, see the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of May 31, 2021 No. 840 (see paragraph 4 of the Requirements)



OBTAINING CITIZENSHIP OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

**Permanent
resident**



General procedure – foreigners who have a residence permit in Russia for at least 5 years



Simplified procedure – if the criteria are met

Criteria for the simplified procedure

foreign citizen can apply for Russian citizenship in a simplified manner if he/she:

- received a diploma with honors upon completion of his studies at a Russian university with state accreditation;
- received professional education in secondary vocational education programs, bachelor's, specialist's, master's, residency, assistant-internship programs that have state accreditation, or in programs for training scientific and scientific-pedagogical personnel in graduate school (adjunct) in educational or scientific organizations of the Russian Federation and have been working in your specialty for at least 1 year in Russia;
- entered into a contract for service in the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, other troops or military formations for a period of at least 1 year;
- is married to a Russian citizen residing in the territory of the Russian Federation and have children together in this marriage;

Check the full list in
**1138-FZ "On Citizenship of the Russian
Federation"**



DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP

Permanent resident

When obtaining Russian citizenship in a general and simplified manner

1



Application 2 for obtaining Russian citizenship

2



Passport or other identity document and its notarized translation into Russian

3



Income document confirming the ability to support yourself and your family within the regional subsistence minimum during the period of registration of the residence permit (certificate from the place of work or declaration of income from entrepreneurial activity, or confirmation of receipt of alimony, or a certificate of the presence of a bank deposit).

4



A document confirming the availability of housing, such as a lease agreement or title deeds, if the foreigner has not left Russia for 3 years

5



Medical documents issued no more than 12 months ago:
medical report on the absence of dangerous infectious diseases, certificate of absence of HIV infection, certificate of absence of drugs in the body

(NOT REQUIRED IF YOU HAVE A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMIT, temporary residence permit for the purpose of education, RESIDENCE PERMIT, REFUGEE CERTIFICATE OR CERTIFICATE OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION)

6



A document on knowledge of the Russian language, history and fundamentals of Russian legislation or another document confirming proficiency in the Russian language

7



Receipt for payment of state duty in the amount of 3,500 rubles



To obtain citizenship, in most cases, you must live for at least a year with a temporary residence permit, and then with a residence permit. There are many grounds for obtaining citizenship, all of them allow you to obtain citizenship in different time frames, and all of them require different sets of documents.

DOCUMENTS FOR OBTAINING RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP

Permanent resident

When obtaining Russian citizenship in a general and simplified manner

1



Application 2 for obtaining Russian citizenship

2



International passport or other identity document and its notarized translation into Russian

3



Income document

confirming the ability to support yourself and your family within the regional subsistence minimum during the period of registration of the residence permit (certificate from the place of work or declaration of income from entrepreneurial activity, or confirmation of receipt of alimony, or a certificate of the presence of a bank deposit).

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MAIN VIOLATIONS OF MIGRATION LEGISLATION BY FOREIGN STUDENTS



Be careful!



Late registration for migration purposes



the student is obliged to provide the necessary documents for registration at the place of stay within 2 working days after crossing the Russian border



Failure to inform when changing the actual place of residence



The student is obliged to inform the university when changing the address of residence, as well as when leaving for other regions of Russia and renting housing / checking into hotels



Failure to carry the required documents during your stay in Russia



passport, migration card, medical insurance, registration at the place of stay, visa (for visa regime)
A foreign citizen is required to present these documents to law enforcement officers when conducting checks on the regime of stay in the Russian Federation.



Failure to inform the university about a change in status in the Russian Federation



the student is obliged to inform the university about marriage, about receiving a temporary residence permit, temporary residence permit for the purpose of education, permanent residence permit or Russian citizenship