

# **Residence permit in RUSSIA:**

## **What is a Residence permit in Russia?**

A Residence permit of the Russian Federation is a document that gives the right to foreign citizens and stateless persons to live and legally work in the Russian Federation for a long time. After receiving a Residence permit, a foreign citizen receives the status of a permanent resident in the country.

Obtaining a Residence permit in Russia guarantees a foreign citizen most of the rights that a citizen of the Russian Federation has.

After issuing a Residence permit, a foreign citizen can apply for a civil passport of the Russian Federation, subject to renouncing the citizenship of his country.

## **What a Residence permit in the Russian Federation looks like: a sample of a Residence permit**

A Residence permit in the Russian Federation is similar to a passport of the Russian Federation, as it is a document that contains all the personal data of a foreign citizen, as well as data on the date of issue and validity of the document. A sample of how a Residence permit in Russia looks from the inside in the photo below:

## **Validity of a Residence permit in the Russian Federation**

Since November 1, 2019, an unlimited Residence permit has been introduced for most categories of foreign citizens. The validity period of an unlimited Residence permit is not limited. You need to change the Residence permit at the age of 14, 20 and 45, as well as when changing your full name, in case of damage to the document or other circumstances.

**Important!** For highly qualified workers and their family members, the validity period of the Residence permit is different, it depends on the validity period of the work permit.

## **Who can obtain a Residence permit in the Russian Federation: grounds for obtaining a residence permit in the Russian Federation**

### **Obtaining a Residence permit in Russia is possible if:**

- A foreign citizen received a TRP in Russia.
- A foreign citizen born on the territory of the RSFSR, who in the past was a citizen of the USSR.
- A foreign citizen who has a parent (adoptive parent, guardian, trustee), son or daughter of a citizen of the Russian Federation permanently residing in the territory of the Russian Federation.
- A foreign citizen received a Temporary residence permit in the Russian Federation and is a participant of the State Program for the Voluntary Resettlement of Compatriots and has documents that officially confirm this.
- A foreign citizen has refugee status or has applied for temporary asylum, who is also a participant of the State Program for the Voluntary Resettlement of Compatriots and has a certificate that officially confirms this.

- A foreign citizen is a highly qualified specialist, as well as a member of the family of a highly qualified specialist.
- A foreign citizen who is an official native speaker of the Russian language and has the relevant documents, a certificate or diploma of graduation from a University in the Russian Federation.
- Obtaining a Residence permit in Russia in 2020 is also possible for minor children if one of his parents has citizenship of the Russian Federation or is a foreign citizen who has already received citizenship or a Residence permit in Russia (in the event that the child was born in Russia or has a TRP).
- A foreign citizen who is incapacitated, whose assistant and guardian is either a citizen of the Russian Federation or a migrant with a valid Residence permit in the Russian Federation.
- Citizens of the Republic of Belarus can also obtain a Residence permit.

## **Residence permit in Russia by marriage**

To obtain a Residence permit in the Russian Federation by marriage, a foreign citizen must first apply for a TRP.

Only after having a Temporary residence permit a foreign citizen can apply for a Residence permit.

## **Terms of consideration of an application for a Residence permit and obtaining a Residence permit in the Russian Federation**

When all documents for a Residence permit are collected, the application is submitted to the State body for consideration.

The official terms of consideration of a Residence permit are no more than 6 months, that is, the maximum period for consideration of a Residence permit application by Government Officials is six months.

However, the period for consideration of a Residence permit in Russia for categories of citizens with a simplified procedure may be reduced, which is discussed when submitting documents.

## **What documents are required for obtaining a Residence permit in the Russian Federation**

The list of documents may vary somewhat, depending on the applicant's situation. Basic set for applying for a Residence permit:

- application for a Residence permit of the Russian Federation in two copies.
- a Temporary residence permit (if submitted on a general basis).
- 4 photos 35x45 mm, (2 for stateless persons).
- certificates with the results of the medical examination for a Residence permit.
- certificate of absence of HIV infection.
- proof of identity.
- certificate of no criminal record.
- documents that confirm the existence of a legal source of livelihood. It can be a certificate of income, a certificate of employment. An incapacitated person does not need this document.

- the registered address. If a foreign citizen has been living in Russia for more than three years, it is necessary to provide a document confirming the availability of housing (this can be own, rented, or relatives' housing).
- If some documents are drawn up entirely in a foreign language, in the GUFM of the Ministry of Internal Affairs must also provide their notarized translation.

**Important!** If you fill out the printed form of an application for a Residence permit with a pen, then it should not contain errors, blots, and corrections, otherwise it may not be accepted. Also, filling out application forms for a Residence permit should be without abbreviations. It is necessary to write in a clear and legible handwriting.

When filling out the application form for obtaining a Residence permit in the Russian Federation, it is also important to remember that it is unacceptable to skip the fields, leaving them blank.

## **How to find out the readiness of a Residence permit on the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs: online check of the readiness of a Residence permit on the website of the GUFM Ministry of Internal Affairs**

In order to check whether the Residence permit is ready online, you need to open the website of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and go to the online Residence permit check page, which is located [at this link](#).

To check the readiness of the Residence permit online, you must correctly fill in all the fields of the verification form and send a request.

Thus, in order to find out the readiness of the Residence permit online, it is necessary to indicate the region where the application for the Residence permit was submitted, the date of birth of the foreign citizen, as well as the number of the identity document that was presented when applying for the Residence permit.

**Important!** You cannot find out the readiness of a Residence permit by last name online! Only by filling in the given form fields.

After submitting the form, the result of the online check of the Residence permit on the website of the GUFM Ministry of Internal Affairs will be displayed.

## **Issuance of a Residence permit in the Russian Federation: regulations and procedure for issuing a Residence permit in Russia**

Examination of an application and the issuance of a Residence permit is handled by the MIA authorities in accordance with Federal Law No. 115 "On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens."

If the documents for a Residence permit are drawn up correctly, your application must be registered within 1 day. At the time of consideration of an application for a Residence permit, a foreign citizen is issued a certificate of acceptance of documents for consideration.

An application for a Residence permit is considered depending about each applicant. The response can be expected up to 6 months, but not later.

After receiving a positive decision to issue a Residence permit, a foreign citizen must obtain a Residence permit within 15 days.

## **Registration after obtaining a Residence permit: what kind of registration is needed for a Residence permit**

Obtaining a "Residence permit" document in the Russian Federation is not the final part of the procedure for registration of legal stay and residence in Russia. Registration at the place of

residence is required after obtaining a Residence permit. This provision is spelled out in the legislation of the Russian Federation.

Thus, a foreign citizen or stateless person permanently residing in Russia is subject to registration at the place of residence and registration at the place of stay.

After obtaining a Residence permit, a foreign citizen must register himself at the place of residence.

**Important!** Registration with a Residence permit is a prerequisite for legal residence in Russia with a Residence permit.

**Important!** Registration for a Residence permit must be completed no later than 7 days from the date of obtaining a Residence permit.

Failure to comply with the terms of registration for a Residence permit of a foreign citizen entails administrative liability for violation of the regime of stay in the Russian Federation, which in turn may lead to administrative expulsion from the Russian Federation and a ban on entry into the Russian Federation.

## **What registration is required for a Residence permit?**

Registration after a Residence permit can be of only one type - a permanent residence permit at the place of residence.

There is no such thing as a temporary residence permit registration at the place of stay.

**Important!** Registration for a Residence permit should not be confused with Temporary registration (migration registration), since migration registration in no way replaces registration at the place of residence for a Residence permit in the Russian Federation.

In accordance with Federal Law No. 115, foreign citizens permanently residing in the territory of the Russian Federation, that is, foreigners with a Residence permit, are required to register at the place of residence within 7 working days, which has nothing to do with applying for a migration accounting (so-called registration at the place of stay).

Thus, migration registration (temporary registration) for a residence permit is illegal and does not meet the conditions for fulfilling the requirements of the Law on registration at the place of residence in the Russian Federation for a Residence permit.

As sanctions for violation of this Law, a fine and expulsion from the country may be imposed.

## **Work in Russia with a Residence permit**

A Residence permit gives a foreign citizen almost all the same rights that a Russian has. This also applies to employment.

Thus, a Residence permit gives a foreign citizen the right to live and work in any region of the Russian Federation without restrictions. To do this, you do not need a work patent or a permit.

## **Entry and exit from Russia with a Residence permit: crossing the Russian border**

With a Residence permit, you can cross the Russian border freely entering and leaving the country.

A Residence permit gives a foreign citizen the right to freely leave the borders of Russia and return back without obtaining visas or any additional documents.

All that is needed to cross the border with a Residence permit is to present a document proving the identity of a foreign citizen and the Residence permit in the Russian Federation.

**Important!** With a Residence permit, travel abroad can be carried out for a period of no more than half a year, otherwise the Residence permit may be canceled.

## **How much does a Residence permit in Russia cost**

When applying for a Residence permit, the applicant must pay the State Fee for a Residence permit, since a receipt for payment of the fee is a mandatory document when applying for a Residence permit. In the receipt, the payer must necessarily include the one in whose name the Residence permit is being issued.

Since November 1, 2019, the amount of State Fee for a Residence permit and the total cost has increased, including notarized translations of all necessary documents, assistance in completing a package of documents, Temporary registration of residence, preparation for the examination of the Russian language and full support throughout the entire period of stay in the Russian Federation - **120,000 rubles**.

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