

Russian Federation Border Crossing Documents

Foreign citizens may enter and exit from the Russian Federation provided they have a visa issued on the basis of valid documents of identification that are recognized as such by the Russian Federation, unless otherwise stipulated by international treaties of the Russian Federation.

Persons without citizenship may enter and exit from the Russian Federation provided they have a visa issued on the basis of valid documents issued by the corresponding bodies of the state of their residence, that serve as their identification papers and that are recognized as such by the Russian Federation, unless otherwise stipulated by international treaties of the Russian Federation.

Documents which serve to prove identity of a person without citizenship are:

- 1) Any document issued by a foreign state and recognized under an international treaty of the Russian Federation as a document which serves to prove identity of a person without citizenship;
- 2) Temporary residence permit;
- 3) Residence permit.

Nationals of the countries that have signed a mutual visa-free travel agreement with the Russian Federation containing clauses on visa-free entry into, exit from, movement across, transit through and stay in the Russian Federation, are exempt from the visa requirement.

Bilateral agreements on mutual visa-free travel exist between the government of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

Nationals of the above countries have the right to a visa-free entry to Russia on their travel passports. Their first stay in Russia must not exceed 90 days. Upon signing of the educational agreement in accordance with the Russian legislation, their temporary stay in Russia is extended for the term of the agreement but no longer than for one year that shall be calculated from the day of entry into the Russian Federation. The decision on extension of temporary stay of foreigners shall be made by the local office of the Federal Migration Service.

Nationals of countries that require entry visa to travel to Russia enter the country for studies on a student visa issued by a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation abroad. A student visa is issued based on a letter of invitation made in accordance with the federal law.