

COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

RUSSIA & CIS COUNTRIES

April 2021

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RUSSIA



IMMIGRATION

Entry restrictions for foreign citizens (general rules, exceptions, special rules)

As a general rule Russia has closed its borders for most foreign citizens.

To enter Russia foreigners must be eligible for one of the exceptions prescribed by the Russian government, including but not limited to:

- Employees of foreign embassies, consulates, international organizations and their family members · Crews of sea and river vessels, aircraft and international trains
- Members of official delegations
- Persons who have diplomatic, official, or ordinary private visas issued in connection with the death of a close relative
- Foreigners permanently residing in the Russian Federation (holders of PRP) · Persons who transit through air checkpoints
- Those who are close relatives (spouses, parents, children), guardians or trustees of Russian nationals at the condition of presenting a document confirming such relationship
- Citizens of CIS countries as well as recognized by Russia states of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, who arrive via air checkpoints and proceed to their home country via plane or other means of transportation
- Citizens of Ukraine who permanently reside in the territories of Donetsk and Lugansk regions uncontrolled by Ukraine · Citizens and permanent residents of "approved countries" (who can travel to Russia only via a flight from the same country of citizenship):

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| – UK | – Armenia | – Kazakhstan | – Japan |
| – Turkey | – Germany | – Serbia | – Ethiopia |
| – Tanzania | – Venezuela | – India | – Seychelles |
| – Switzerland | – Maldives | – Azerbaijan | – Qatar |
| – UAE | – South Korea | – Syria | – Vietnam |
| – Egypt | – Kyrgyzstan | – Tajikistan | – Greece |
| – Finland | – Belarus | – Cuba | – Singapore |

From March 15, 2020 **until June 15, 2021** inclusive, the following terms expiring in this period are suspended:

- Terms of allowed stay in Russia;
- Validity terms of migration registration;
- Validity terms of the following documents: visas, migration cards, temporary and permanent residence permits, documents confirming refugee or temporary asylum status;
- Terms for voluntary departure for foreign citizens in respect of whom a decision of expulsion/deportation/unwanted stay was made.

In addition, during this period the authorities do not make decisions on cancellation of work permits, visas, temporary and permanent residence permits issued for foreign nationals.

Effective **March 16, 2021** the abovementioned rules **will cease to apply** to citizens and permanent residents of countries from the exemption list which have resumed transport communication with Russia.

In case Russia resumes transport communication with more countries in the future, the above-mentioned rules will cease to apply to citizens and residents of such countries after 90 days from the day when the transport communication was resumed.

The following measures are extended **until June 15, 2021** inclusive:

- Visa-free nationals from EAEU countries may apply for work patent regardless of the declared purpose of entry or the existing deadline for submitting the application;
- Employers who have a corporate employment permit may apply for individual work permits for the relevant employees regardless of their purpose of entry.

State authorities restrictions (problems with documents submission, unavailable services, restricted access)

Some of the state authorities have restricted access and require preliminary appointment.

Ministry of internal affairs does not issue work permits and invitations for work visas for HQS assignees and dependants if they are not included in the special list approved by MIA and Federal Security Service. This requirement also applies to technical maintenance specialists under business visas.

This requirement does not apply to citizens of "approved countries" as per above list. However such foreigners must be present in Russia for the whole duration of processing time for work permit procurement.

Epidemiological restrictions for entering foreigners (do they need a negative COVID-19 test, how old must be the test, is there a mandatory quarantine after entry, other special rules)

Negative PCR test is a must for all foreigners entering Russia. It must be done no later than 72 hours before arrival.

Foreigners entering Russia with a "work" purpose of visit shall be subject to 14-day home quarantine, irrespective of the country of origin.

NB! Foreign and Russian nationals who arrive in the territory of Russia from the UK must self-isolate at the place of their residence or temporary stay for 14 days after arrival.

QUARANTINE INFORMATION

Current restrictions in Moscow

- People over 65 and those with chronic diseases are recommended to stay at home;
- Masks and gloves are mandatory in public places;
- No less than 30% of workers are recommended to switch to remote working mode;
- Organizations that offer customer services are recommended to use the system of check-ins;
- The maximum number of people in theatres, movie theatres and concert halls should not exceed 50%;
- Students of universities study remotely.

Lifted restrictions in Moscow

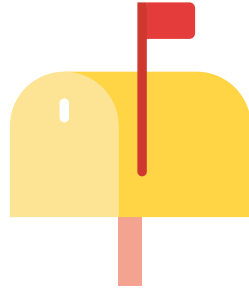
- Cultural, recreational, entertainment, sports, educational and other events are allowed but with some restrictions (no more than 50% of people are permitted);
- Libraries, museums and other cultural institutions have resumed their work;
- Restaurants, cafes, bars, nightclubs and other entertainment facilities are allowed to operate at normal capacity;
- Recreational centres for children and similar facilities are allowed to operate (no more than 50% of adults and children can be present).

Schools operation

Every school complies with special sanitary requirements. Starting from January 18th all students will resume offline studies at schools.

HHG TRANSPORTATION STATUS

- Everything is operational, but with slightly longer turnaround time
- Border crossings and customs operate for freight transport at normal capacity
- Air traffic is considerably reduced, not all airports can handle this or that flight
- Within countries everything works at normal capacity



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- Visa Support (all types)
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- Migration Registration & Notifications
- Legalization & Duplicates' Procurement
- Immigration Due Diligence

RELOCATION

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- Orientation & Home-finding
- Legal Due Diligence
- Settling in & 24/7 Help-Desk
- Departure Support
- Spousal Support & Coaching

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