

Covid-19 in Russia: Terms Of Stay And Work In Russia Are Extended

Dear Clients and Partners!

A Decree of the President of Russia No. 274 dated 18 April 2020 introduces measures aimed at regulation of legal status of foreign nationals who are remaining in Russia because of the pandemic.

In accordance with the Decree the counting of allowed terms of stay in Russia as well as validity terms of migration documents is suspended from 15 March and shall resume after June 15.

A number of benefits related to hiring foreign nationals without work permits and a restriction of their expulsion from Russia have also been introduced.

What are the changes?

1. The decree suspends the counting of terms which were due to expire in the period from 15 March till 15 June inclusive, specifically:

- Terms of stay in Russia
 - Terms of temporary or permanent residence in Russia
 - Maximum 6-month term of stay outside Russia for TRP and PRP holders
 - Validity terms of the following documents:
 - visa
 - migration card with notes on allowed period of stay
 - work permit
 - corporate employment permit
 - patent
 - TRP and PRP
 - documents confirming refugee or temporary asylum status
 - Validity terms of migration registration or residence registration
- NB!** The Decree does not cancel the host party's responsibility to carry out migration registration upon arrival to a place of stay. This is only about counting the validity period of an existing address registration at the current place of stay.

2. For the same period from 15 March till 15 June 2020 employers that continue their activities during the period of restriction measures are allowed to hire the following foreign nationals:

- visa-required foreign nationals who do not have a work permit provided that the employer holds a corporate employment permit
- foreign nationals from non-visa countries who do not have a patent

3. During the period between 15 March and 15 June 2020 foreign nationals cannot be deported or expelled from Russia and migration documents previously issued to them cannot be cancelled.

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The introduced measures allow avoiding in-person visits to state body offices for the purpose of renewing documents however they do not cancel obligations to submit notifications of signing/terminating labour contracts and HQS quarterly salary notifications.

The Decree applies to all terms and documents which remained valid as of 15 March 2020.

Please note that all documents remain valid during the period of suspension. However, the suspension period “falls out” from the validity term which means that this term will expire later.

Example: a period of stay was due to expire on 20 March. On 15 March the counting of this term was suspended (with 5 days remaining) and will resume on 16 June. Accordingly, this term of stay will expire on 21 June as per new rules.

Also please note that a comment has been made on the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia that migration authorities will continue work and people can apply for services as per established procedure.



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