

On April 18, **the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation** "[On temporary measures to regulate the legal status of foreign citizens and stateless persons in the Russian Federation due to the threat of further spread of a new coronavirus infection \(COVID-19\)](#)" came into force.

According to the Decree, **from March 15 to June 15, 2020** inclusive:

- the period of validity of work permits, patents, temporary residence permits, residence permits, visas, migration cards, and periods of stay of foreigners in the Russian Federation expiring during the specified period has been suspended;
- the right of an employer to employ foreign citizens without a patent (for visa-free countries) and without a work permit (for visa-free countries, if the employer has a permit to employ and use foreign workers) has been established;
- no decisions are made to expel or deport foreign citizens outside the Russian Federation, or to revoke visas, work permits, patents, temporary residence permits, or residence permits.

The Decree can be found [here](#)