

Migration situation in Russia as of March 18, 2020

On March 16, 2020, the Russian Government issued an Order restricting the entry of foreign citizens into the country.

Read the document in Russian: http://static.government.ru/media/files/wwGGarWzAuGcDRw4OFHBfkInXcpD0ZPu.pdf?utm_source=eSputnik-trigger&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=200318_Koronavirus_UPD_18_marta_RUS&utm_content=549537094&utm_term=Test

This order applies to foreign citizens and stateless persons arriving on the territory of the Russian Federation.

According to point 2 of the Order, from March 18, 2020 the following categories of persons will pass through the border of the Russian Federation:

accredited and appointed employees of diplomatic missions and consular offices of other States in the Russian Federation, international organizations and their representations, other official representations, foreign States on the territory of the Russian Federation, as well as members of their families;

members of official delegations;

persons with diplomatic, official and ordinary private visas issued in connection with the death of a close relative;

permanently residing in the territory of the Russian Federation (according to article 2 N 115-FZ of 25.07.2002 "a foreign citizen permanently residing in the Russian Federation is a person who has received a residence permit»);

persons in transit through the territory of the Russian Federation;

drivers of international road transport;

crews of air, sea and river vessels, trains.

All of the above categories of individuals will be able to return to the Russian Federation, even if they leave the country, as well as obtain diplomatic, official and ordinary business visas while outside the Russian Federation.

Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation of March 16, 2020 No. 635-R restricts only entry into the territory of Russia and the issuance of new visas to categories of persons not specified in Paragraph 2 of the Order.

According to information as of March 17, 2020, during the period of application of restrictive measures on the territory of the Russian Federation, anyone who has legal grounds for doing so (including a valid work visa, residence permit, and others) can stay.

Please note that the Department of internal Affairs of the Russian Federation in Moscow in Sakharovo (address: Varshavskoe shosse 64 km, 1, p. 47, Moscow, 142161) and Pokrovka, 42 temporarily suspended the reception and issuance of documents to foreign citizens and stateless persons, permits to attract and use foreign workers, work permits, invitations for visas.

Hotlines for entrepreneurs and foreign citizens

On March 17, 2020, the Moscow city Government created a hotline for entrepreneurs. Its main goal is to help entrepreneurs cope with the consequences of the unstable economic situation that has developed due to the spread of coronavirus.

Hotline number: +7 (495) 276-24-17. Calls are accepted from Monday to Thursday from 09: 00 to 18:00, and on Fridays — from 09:00 to 16: 45. Express questionnaires can be completed online.

In addition, entrepreneurs can get advice and learn about support measures in business service centers, on the website mbm.mos.ru and by phone: +7 (495) 225-14-14. We draw your attention to the decree of the chief sanitary doctor of the Russian Federation dated March 16, 2020 regarding the procedure for passing medical testing for COVID-19, as well as the responsibility of the employer for organizing labor during the new coronavirus epidemic. *To read the full text in Russian, see* <https://www.cerbanet.org/resources/Documents/Decree%20Chief%20Sanitary%20Doctor%20RF.pdf>