

Russia Visa Guide

➤ **Unified Electronic Visa (e-Visa)**

Suitable For

- Tourism
- Business
- Humanitarian visits
- Private visits

➤ **Validity**

- Visa validity: **60 days**
- Maximum stay: **16 days**

Processing Time

Up to 4 calendar days

Advantages

- Fully online application
- No invitation required
- No hotel confirmation required for application
- Accepted at designated border checkpoints

➤ **Tourist Visa**

Suitable For

- Tourism
- Sightseeing
- Vacation
- Cultural events

Validity

Usually **up to 30 days**

➤ **Required Documents**

- Passport
- Visa Application Form
- Passport Photograph
- Tourist Confirmation/Invitation (where applicable)
- Travel Insurance

Processing Time

Approximately **4–20 working days**

➤ **Business Visa**

Suitable For

- Business Meetings
- Trade Fairs

- Company Visits
- Negotiations
- Investment Activities

➤ **Validity**

- Single Entry
- Double Entry
- Multiple Entry
- Up to **1 year** (longer in certain circumstances)

Processing Time

Approximately **10–20 working days**

➤ **Work Visa**

The Russian Work Visa is intended for foreign nationals employed by registered Russian employers.

Suitable For

- Engineers
- Construction Workers
- Manufacturing Workers
- Healthcare Professionals
- Hospitality Staff
- IT Professionals
- Skilled Technicians
- Oil & Gas Workers

➤ **Validity**

- Initial visa: Usually **up to 90 days**
- After arrival, it can generally be extended based on the employment contract, subject to applicable regulations.

Processing Time

Approximately **20–30 working days**

➤ **Student Visa**

Suitable For

- University Students
- Language Students
- Researchers

➤ **Validity**

Usually issued according to the duration of study and renewable while enrolled.

Processing Time

Approximately **10–20 working days**

➤ **Temporary Residence Permit (TRP)**

Suitable For

- Employment
- Family Reunification
- Investment
- Other qualifying legal grounds

➤ **Validity**

Generally **3 years**

Processing Time

Approximately **2–6 months**

➤ **Permanent Residence Permit (PRP)**

Foreign nationals meeting eligibility requirements may apply for permanent residence.

➤ **Benefits**

- Long-term residence
- Broader employment opportunities
- Access to public services according to Russian law
- No need for repeated temporary residence renewals

Processing Time

Approximately **4 months**

➤ **Standard Recruitment Process**

➤ **Step 1**

Employer submits manpower requirement.

➤ **Step 2**

Recruitment agency sources suitable candidates.

➤ **Step 3**

CV screening and interviews.

➤ **Step 4**

Employer selection.

➤ **Step 5**

Employment contract issued.

➤ **Step 6**

Employer obtains required work authorization documentation (where applicable).

➤ **Step 7**

Work Visa application submitted.

➤ **Step 8**

Visa approval.

➤ **Step 9**

Travel to Russia.

➤ **Step 10**

Migration registration after arrival.

➤ **Step 11**

Employment begins.

➤ **Employer Responsibilities**

Employers should:

- Be legally registered in Russia.
- Issue a valid employment contract.
- Comply with Russian labour legislation.
- Complete required migration and employment formalities.
- Register foreign employees as required by law.

➤ **Documents Required (Employment)**

Generally include:

- Valid Passport
- Passport-size Photographs
- Employment Contract
- Educational Certificates
- Experience Certificates
- Medical Certificate (where required)
- Police Clearance (if requested)
- Completed Visa Application
- Employer Invitation / Work Authorization Documents

Government Immigration Portals

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Official Visa Information

<https://mid.ru>

Electronic Visa Portal

<https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru>

Ministry of Internal Affairs (Migration)

<https://мвд.рф>

(Migration services are administered through the Ministry of Internal Affairs.)