

MIGRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN RUSSIA

BEFORE ENTERING THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Visa-free entry

Without visa application for the purpose of studying in Russia, citizens of the following countries can enter:

Abkhazia
Azerbaijan
Armenia
Belarus
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Moldova
Tadjikistan
Uzbekistan
Ukraine
South Ossetia.

Foreign citizens arriving in the Russian Federation under a visa-free regime must perform the following actions before entering the Russian Federation: Install the ruID mobile app.

Log in or register in the ruID app with a login and password from the State Services app (“Gosuslugi”).

Fill in your travel details in the app at least 72 hours before entry and no earlier than 90 days. The data that needs to be entered is as follows:

- the country from which you are entering the Russian Federation;
- the dates of your trip;
- the regions you will visit.

Upload your biometrics: a photo of your face, passport, and 3 voice recordings. Submit your application and wait for approval.

After approval send the information about your trip to the NNTU Center of Foreign Students’ Education by e-mail – cefs@nntu.ru.

Go through border control. It is important to pay attention to the correctness of the information, including the purpose of your visit (**it must be indicated as ‘education’**)! Please carefully check your migration card’s details before you leave the border entry point.

Visit the bank within 10 days from the date of entry into the Russian Federation and confirm your biometrics.

Confirm your account on Gosuslugi, apply for a SIM card, and use online services.

Visa entry

Citizens of other countries must apply for a visa to enter Russia. The list of Russian consular offices in foreign countries, their addresses, and contact information are available on the official portal of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: <https://www.kdmid.ru/docs/>.

To obtain an invitation to enter the Russian Federation for full-time study in the Bachelor's, Master's, and postgraduate programs of Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University (NNSTU), please contact our Center of Foreign Students' Education: <https://en.nntu.ru/structure/view/podrazdeleniya/centr-obucheniya-inostrannyh-studentov>.

In order to obtain an invitation to enter the Russian Federation for the purpose of education, the foreign citizen's passport must be valid for at least 18 months from the date of the planned entry into the Russian Federation. The passport must have at least 4 pages for the visa and entry and exit stamps.

On the basis of an invitation, you can obtain a single-entry study visa. This visa allows a foreign citizen to enter Russia once during a certain period of time (up to 90 days). You can apply for a single-entry study visa by contacting a Russian consular office in your country of citizenship.

Foreign citizens arriving in the Russian Federation on a visa must take the following actions:

1. Obtain a visa based on the university's invitation.
2. Pass through border control. It is important to pay attention to the correctness of the information, including the purpose of your visit (**it must be indicated as 'education'**)! Please carefully check your migration card's details before you leave the border entry point.
3. Visit a bank within 10 days of entering the Russian Federation and confirm your biometrics.
4. Confirm your account on State Services app ("Gosuslugi").
5. Apply for a SIM card.
6. Use online services.

AFTER ARRIVING IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Submit your documents for migration registration to the Center of Foreign Students' Education the next day after your arrival in Nizhny Novgorod (24 Minin Street, phone number: +7 831 4364387, working hours from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.).

Bring the following documents with you: passport, migration card, registration from your previous place of residence (if you stayed in a hostel or hotel before moving to a NNSTU dormitory, or if you arrived from another city in the Russian Federation).

Apply for a medical insurance at the University's Center of Foreign Students' Education and after that take a medical examination at the regional Diagnostic

Center (2 Reshetnikovskaya Street, 4th floor). The cost of medical examination is included in your medical insurance.

Have your passport translated into Russian by a notary accredited in the Russian Federation. Get a SNILS – insurance number of individual personal account (the nearest Multi-Functional Center address: 25 Slavyanskaya Street, working hours from 8:00 to 18:00). Take with you passport and notarized translation of passport.

Confirm your identity by submitting your biometrics to Sberbank or another Russian bank within 10 days of entering the Russian Federation, and apply for a bank card. Bring your passport, notarized translation of your passport, and SNILS with you.

Register on the Gosuslugi website. You will need your passport, notarized translation of your passport, SNILS, biometric data, and email address.

Purchase and activate a SIM card at a mobile operator's office. To do this, you will need a passport, a notarized translation of your passport, biometric data, and a verified account on the Gosuslugi website. The IMEI number of your smartphone can be found (1) on the back of the smartphone box or (2) by dialing *#06# on your smartphone. If your smartphone supports two SIM cards, you will see two IMEI numbers. (3) in the "Settings" section of your smartphone. (4) on the smartphone's case, either on the SIM card tray or under the battery.

Apply for a medical insurance at the University's Center of Foreign Students' Education and after that take a medical examination at the regional Diagnostic Center (2 Reshetnikovskaya Street, 4th floor). The cost of medical examination is included in your medical insurance. **Important! The medical examination must be repeated once a calendar year (12 months after the previous medical examination and the transfer of its results to the Ministry of Internal Affairs).**

Complete fingerprint registration and photographing at the Migration Center 18 Akademician Sakharov Street within 30 days after your arrival to Russia.

Documents that foreign students must have to stay legally in Russia

A single-entry study visa allows a foreign student to enter Russia once during a certain period of time (up to 90 days). A single-entry study visa can be issued based on an invitation from the University to enter the Russian Federation.

A multiple-entry study visa allows a foreign student to enter Russia multiple times. A multiple-entry visa is issued only in Russia after arrival at the University.

A migration card is a document issued at the border upon entry into the Russian Federation. It contains information about a foreign citizen (surname, name, citizenship, date of birth, document number, visa information, and period of stay), as well as the date of crossing the border and the purpose of entry into the Russian Federation.

The notification of arrival (registration) is a document that confirms the legal status of a foreign citizen in the Russian Federation. The document contains information about the foreign citizen, the host organization or person, the place of stay, and the permitted period of stay in the Russian Federation, as well as a seal from the territorial body of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia confirming that the notification has been received.

Documents on the passage of mandatory procedures of medical examination, fingerprinting, photographing of foreign citizens:

- card on fingerprinting ("green card");
- medical reports.

A valid policy of voluntary medical insurance is mandatory for the entire period of study at the University and is issued at the Center of Foreign Students' Education.

Important! Always carry your passport with a visa, a migration card, and a registration.