

Information for foreign students planning to study and currently studying in Russian educational (scientific) organizations

From January 1, 2023 foreign students undergoing training in a state educational or state scientific organization on a full-time form on the bachelor's, specialist's, master's, residency, assistantships, internships, which have state accreditation, or training program of scientific and scientific-pedagogical personnel in PhD programs (internship) in state educational or state scientific organization, have the opportunity to apply for a temporary residence permit for the purpose of education. (hereinafter referred to as RVPO), in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Federal Law "On the Legal Status of Foreign citizens in the Russian Federation" (hereinafter referred to as the Federal Law).

The RVPO is issued for the period of mastering the training program and the following one hundred and eighty calendar days after the end of the training period, if the decision to issue a RVPO is positive, the passport of a foreign citizen is stamped accordingly.

Documents for the issuance of the RVPO are submitted by a foreign student in person or through the Uniform Portal of State and Municipal Services to the unit of migration issues, in whose territory the training takes place.

The RVPO offers a number of advantages to foreign students and graduate students:

If a foreign student arrives on a visa basis, him or her will be given a multiple-entry visa for the period of validity of the RVPO was issued;

There is no obligation to submit an annual notice of confirmation of residence in the Russian Federation, unlike other residence regimes in the Russian Federation;

A student (or A PhD student) who has received a RVPO will be able to stay in the Russian Federation for the entire period of study, and after completing their studies for another six months, during which time they can apply for a residence permit without leaving the Russian Federation;

The opportunity to apply for a residence permit is also available for three years after the completion of studies without obtaining a temporary residence permit;

The Russian language proficiency, knowledge of history and the basics of Russian legislation are not required.

When transferring to part-time or correspondence courses or early termination of training in a public educational (scientific) organization RVPO is canceled.

After annulment of a temporary residence permit, if there are grounds, a foreign citizen has the right to re-apply for a temporary residence permit without compliance with the term provided in paragraph 6 of Article 6 of the Federal Law (not earlier than one year from the date of rejection of his previous application for a temporary residence permit or annulment of a previously issued temporary residence permit).

More detailed information on obtaining RVPO is available on the website of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia (МВД.рф) in the "Activities" subsection "State services / Main Department of Migration Affairs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia".