

How to apply for a temporary residence permit for educational purposes

Dear international students,

Pursuant to Federal Law No 357-FZ ‘On Amendments to Federal Law ‘On Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation’ dated 14 July 2022, international students studying in the full-time bachelor’s degree, specialist’s degree, master’s degree programmes, residency programmes, qualification apprenticeship programmes with state accreditation or in doctoral (postgraduate military) programmes for training research and teaching staff at a state educational or a state research organisations have the right to file an application with the local migration office of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation of the entity constituting the Russian Federation in the territory of which they are studying to have their temporary residence permit for educational purposes issued (hereinafter referred to as the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes).

The Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes can be issued for the period you need to complete mastering one of the above mentioned programmes and for 180 calendar days after the period of study expires.

Should you be a holder of the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes, you are entitled to apply for a residence permit in the Russian Federation within three (3) years after the period of study has expired.

You can contact the Department for Temporary Residence Permits and Residency Permits of the Migration Directorate of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation for St Petersburg and Leningrad Region (hereinafter referred to as the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for St Petersburg and Leningrad Region) and apply for the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes at: Lit. D, 10-12, Krasnykh Tekstilshchikov, St. Petersburg (2nd floor); telephone number for registration 8 812 573 16 37. Information about visiting and working hours is available on the official website of the Department at: 78.МВД.пф. (<https://78.мвд.пф/ms>).

Details about how to have the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes issued in administrative divisions of St Petersburg and Leningrad Region where you reside are available on the official website of the Main (Territorial) Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs at: <https://78.мвд.пф/ms>.

You can seek assistance on the issues how to fill out and file your applications for the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes by contacting the St Petersburg and Leningrad Region Branch of Federal State Unitary Enterprise ‘Passport and Visa Service’ of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for St Petersburg and Leningrad Region at: Lit. D, 10-12, Krasnykh Tekstilshchikov, St. Petersburg (3rd floor), telephone number: 8 812 703 68 10 (<https://pvsмвд.ru/services/120>).

The conformity of filling out the applications and meeting the requirements applied to the documents concerned shall be attested only by the officers of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia for St Petersburg and Leningrad Region or of the Federal State Unitary Enterprise ‘Passport and Visa Service’ of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia.

Documents to be provided for the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes

(you shall be responsible for the documents specified in clauses 1 - 10; for the documents specified in clauses 11 - 15, you need to apply to the Academic Office for the relevant field of study):

1. Two (2) copies of the application for the Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes (the templates are available via the website <https://78.мвд.рф/ms> of the Main Directorate of the Ministry of Internal Affairs for St Petersburg and Leningrad Region in section 'the Directorate Main Divisions - Office for Temporary Residence Permits and Residence Permits' («Профильные подразделения Управления - Отдел оформления разрешений на временное проживание и видов на жительство»));
2. Four (4) 35 X 45 mm photographs, matte, in light clothes;
3. Identity Document (passport) + its notarised translation (all pages should be noted in the translation. Translation of seals (stamps) is not required);
4. Migration card with crossing boarder mark;
5. Notification for migration registration at the place of residence (detachable part of the form);
6. Visa (for international citizens who need a visa);
Foreign citizens arrived at the Russian Federation with the visa shall provide:
7. A certificate on criminal record with a notarised translation (to be translated in the territory of the Russian Federation and attached to the certificate original. The document is valid for three (3) months).
8. A medical statement on drug-related and infectious diseases (valid for 12 months);
9. A certificate on HIV (valid 12 months);
10. Government duty: 1,600 roubles.
11. Extracts from the order on enrolment, verified by the organisation's stamp.

The extracts shall contain:

- Type of study: FULL-TIME;
- the date the study begins and the date the study ends;
- degree programme (bachelor's degree, master's degree, etc.)
- field of study (code of the programme).

12. Should the data mentioned above be missing in the extracts from the order of the educational organisation, it is required to provide a certificate of study verified by the stamp of the educational organisation containing the missing data.
13. A copy of the certificate of state accreditation of the degree programme (speciality) concerned, verified by the stamp of the educational organisation.
14. A copy of the contract on education, verified by the official seal of the educational organisation (**applicable only for the fee-paying education**).
15. Reference from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

It will take 38 working days to have your Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes issued.

PLEASE, NOTE! Once you have had your Temporary Residence Permit for Educational Purposes issued, you are obliged to inform the Passport and Visa Department at St Petersburg University about its issuance (pvo@spbu.ru).