

Visa is not required for up to 90 days of stay in Russia for Ordinary passports holders only (original invitation is required to be presented to the Russian Immigration authorities). Visa free regime does not apply for Diplomatic and Official passports holders.

1. Current passport which should be valid for a minimum of six months after visa's expiration date and has at least 2 blank pages which do not need to be consecutive.

2. Visa application form filled in and printed out from this website only. Kindly ensure that the dates of your entry and exit, as entered in the application form, match with or fall within the period specified in the supporting documents.

3. One recent passport size photo glued to the indicated space on the application form.

4. Invitation issued by General Directorate for Migration for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia. The invitation must contain: official seal and legal address of the host institution, document registration number and date of registration, signature and name of the official authorized to invite foreigners to Russia, purpose of visit, dates of stay, names of persons invited. For a multiple entry visa you are required to submit the original invitation; for single and double entry visas copies of invitations in particular cases may be accepted, though the Embassy's immigration officer may ask you to present the original invitation.

5. Introductory letter from your company/organization (or from yourself if you are self-employed) giving full details of the traveller, destinations, terms and purpose of the visit.

6. Applicants who are self-employed, company directors, working from home or unemployed need to provide bank statements for the last three months which have a current balance of a minimum of £100 per day for the duration of the visit (not required for housewives, students and retired applicants). Please note that if you wish to provide online banking printouts please make sure they will be certified and stamped by your bank.

7. Insurance policy for the whole period of the stay in Russia. The policy document should show the validity for the duration of the journey as well as indicate the geographical area coverage as worldwide/including Russia. Copies of insurance cards are not admissible. If covered by Company insurance, a signed letter on the Company letterhead clearly confirming the validity of the insurance in Russia for the entire duration of the journey would suffice.