

## **PRIVATE VISA (VISITS TO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS)**

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. Proof of residence in UK for the last 90 days. One of the following documents should be submitted to confirm the same: a valid applicant's UK visa in passport/ last three months bank statements/ utility bills with applicant's name and address/ letter from employer specifying the start date of their employment OR for students, letter from University/ College specifying the date of enrolment and course details. Rent or mortgage agreements and phone bills are not acceptable. Please note that if you do not have proof of your residence in UK for the last 90 days, you still are eligible to apply, but visa processing time will take 10 to 14 calendar days.
3. 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.
4. One recent passport size photo glued to the indicated space on the application form.
5. **Original invitation** issued by General Directorate for Migration for the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia
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. In case of a visit to the Russian Federation for urgent medical reasons, for urgent treatment, or to visit a seriously ill or a deceased relative, an applicant should present a certificate issued by a medical institution or a death certificate and a document proving the kindred between the applicant and the ill or deceased relative. Documents proving the family relations are copies of the certificates issued by registrar offices. In case the applicant is a grandparent or a grandchild he should submit a copy of the certificates issued by registrar offices proving their next of kin. Passport's validity of the applicant should exceed the visa expiry date.