

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.
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. 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.
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.
8. Insurance policy for the whole period of stay in Russia. The policy document should show the validity for duration of the journey as well 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.

For EU citizens applying for single or double visa with invitation letter containing Individual Tax Number (ИИИ) visa processing time is 7 calendar days.