

Guideline for Visa application to the Russian Federation

To enter Russia a foreign citizen needs a visa.

I. Citizens of countries who have bilateral or multilateral visa agreements with the Russian Federation may be exempted from visa requirements.

II. To obtain a visa you must:

1. contact the consular office of the Russian Federation abroad. Consular institutions of the Russian Federation abroad: <http://www.russianconsulate.info>*

2. to submit to the consular office of the Russian Federation abroad the following documents:

- **Invitation ****
- **A valid foreign (diplomatic, service, regular) passport.** Passport submitted by a foreign citizen should not cause doubts about the authenticity and ownership of its owner, contain marks, reservations, records, erasures and corrections not certified by the competent authorities of the relevant foreign state, torn or embroidered pages. Passport should have at least 2 blank pages intended for visas, as a rule, it should not expire earlier than 6 months from the date of expiry of the visa;
- **completed visa application** form, the application form can be filled in via the following link <https://visa.kdmid.ru/PetitionChoice.aspx>; (the form must be printed out and signed, with included 3.5 x 4.5 cm photo (either black and white or color) with a clear image of the full face without glasses with tinted glasses and without a hat (except for foreign citizens for whom Constant wearing of a headdress is a mandatory attribute of their national or religious affiliation, provided that a foreign citizen is depicted wearing such a headdress in a photo in a passport), made no later than six months before the day of application,
- **medical insurance policy** valid in the territory of the Russian Federation;
- **confirmation of payment of the service fee** in the case of submission of documents through the visa application center *.

* In some countries, visa applications are submitted only through visa centers. For the processing and verification of documents you may be charged a service fee.

In most countries, the submission of documents directly to the consular section is made by appointment. Please check the information on the website of the consulate of the country where you are submitting documents: <http://www.russianconsulate.info>.

In the visa centers, the payment of the service fee is made directly in this center.

** Official invitation from the Russian National Committee of the World Petroleum Council.