

Foreigners who have entered into a military service contract will be able to obtain Russian citizenship in a simplified manner

On September 20, 2022, a draft law was adopted in the second and third readings, allowing foreigners who have served under a contract for at least a year to obtain Russian citizenship

On September 20, 2022, the State Duma of the Russian Federation adopted in the second and immediately in the third reading a [draft law](#) according to which, if this law is adopted, foreign citizens who have entered into a contract for military and other service in the Russian Federation for a period of at least 1 year will be able to apply for citizenship of Russia in a simplified manner, without the need to obtain a residence permit.

Prior to the entry into force of this law, only citizens of the states that were part of the USSR can obtain citizenship in a simplified manner through contract service, and only after they have served under the contract for at least 3 years.

The bill has been approved by the Federation Council and will come into force after being signed by the president and officially published.

After the bill was approved by the Federation Council, Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin announced that in the very near future the Moscow Government would deploy a full-fledged infrastructure to assist the Russian Ministry of Defense in organizing the entry of foreign citizens into the military service, city services would do everything necessary to make the conclusion of contracts as convenient as possible for citizens.

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