

The procedure for entry into Russia of different categories of persons, provided for by anti-coronavirus measures adopted by the Government of Russia

What are the rules for entry into Russia for citizens of different countries at the present time, read in our publication

In order to prevent the spread of a new coronavirus infection, the Government of Russia had adopted the <u>Order No. 635-r dated March 16, 2020</u>, which, from March 18, 2020, restricted the entry of foreign citizens into Russia, the issuance of visas and work permits to them. These restrictions applied to all foreign citizens and stateless persons, with a few exceptions.

Also, until June 14, 2022, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia suspended the acceptance of documents, the issuance of invitations to enter Russia for the purposes of education, labor activity, as well as the issuance of permits to attract foreign workers and work permits in the general manner. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia also suspended the acceptance of documents, processing and issuance of all categories of visas (including electronic ones) with the exception of diplomatic, service, ordinary business visas and tourist visas to persons specified in Order 635-r.

On June 14, 2022, the <u>Order of the Government of Russia No. 1552-r dated June 14, 2022</u> came into force, which lifted the restrictions previously imposed in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic on the entry of foreign citizens of all countries of the world and stateless persons into Russia through air and sea points checking points, as well as resumed accepting documents and issuing invitations to enter Russia, permits to attract foreign workers and work permits for foreign workers, as well as all types of visas, except for unified electronic ones.

On July 15, 2022, the <u>Order of the Government of Russia No. 1267 dated July 14, 2022</u> "On the invalidation of certain acts and certain provisions of acts of the Government of Russia" came into force. This decree lifts restrictions on crossing the land border of the Russian Federation, introduced earlier in connection with the spread of coronavirus.

The published document completely cancels the <u>Order of the Government of Russia No. 635-r dated March 16, 2020</u>, <u>Order of the Government of Russia No. 763-r dated March 27, 2020</u>, and 48 other acts that at different times introduced restrictions on the entry and exit from Russia for citizens of different states due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Citizens of Russia can, without purpose, travel across land borders to all neighboring countries, and citizens of any country can arrive in Russia by land for any purpose.

However, the requirement to have a negative PCR test made no earlier than 48 hours before entry remains in force for all foreign citizens and stateless persons, except for citizens of the Republic of Belarus and citizens of other EAEU member states arriving in Russia through land checkpoints.

The table below provides information on which categories of persons are allowed to enter Russia, depending on the method and direction of crossing the border, and what documents are required for this.

| | Air and sea checkpoints | Land checkpoints |
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| Russian citizens | - filling out a questionnaire | no special requirements |
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| | To enter the territory of Russia is not necessary, BUT: + within 3 calendar days from the date of arrival on the territory of Russia: - a single laboratory PCR test for COVID-19 - upload the result to the Unified Portal of Public Services no later than 4 days after the return The latest requirements do not apply to: - citizens of Russia who have a certificate of vaccination against COVID-19 within the last 12 months or information about the COVID-19 disease in the last 6 months - members of the crew of an aircraft carrying out air transportation, sea and river vessels, train and locomotive crews of international railway traffic, drivers of cars of international road traffic | |
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| Citizens of the Republic of Belarus | no special requirements | no special requirements |
| Citizens of the EAEU states, except for Belarus | negative PCR performed no earlier than 48 hours before arrival in the Russian Federation filling out a questionnaire | no special requirements |
| Citizens of Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan | - negative PCR performed no earlier than 48 hours before arrival in Russia in the application "Travel without COIVID-19" - filling out a questionnaire | - negative PCR performed no earlier than 48 hours before arrival in Russia in the application "Travel without COIVID-19" |
| Foreign citizens - citizens of all other states, as well as stateless persons | - negative PCR performed no earlier than 48 hours before arrival in the Russia - filling out a questionnaire | filling out a questionnaire negative PCR performed no earlier than 48 hours before arrival in Russia filling out a questionnaire |

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