

## **Citizens of the DPR, LPR and Ukraine are exempt from state duty when applying for a temporary residence permit and citizenship, as well as when obtaining a driver's license of Russia**

On July 14, 2022 Putin signed a law exempting citizens of the DPR, LPR and Ukraine from paying state duty when applying for a temporary residence permit and citizenship, as well as obtaining a Russian driver's license

On July 14, 2022, the [Federal Law No. 323-FZ dated July 14, 2022](#) "On Amendments to Part Two of the Tax Code of Russia" was published, amending the Tax Code of Russia.

These amendments, in particular, exempt from paying the state fee to persons who have the right to apply for the exchange of foreign driving licenses for Russian ones in a special manner, that is, without passing exams.

Also, this right was granted to citizens of Russia who had received Russian citizenship in a simplified manner, who previously permanently resided in the territories of the DPR and LPR or moved from these territories to Russia for permanent residence.

Also on July 14, 2022, the [Federal Law No. 322-FZ dated July 14, 2022](#) "On Amendments to Article 333-35 of Part Two of the Tax Code of Russia" was published. This law exempts citizens of Ukraine, LPR and DPR from paying state duty when applying:

- on admission to Russian citizenship on the basis of the President's Decree No. 187;
- on issuance of TRP.

If applications for admission to the citizenship of Russia or the issuance of a temporary residence permit have already been submitted (starting from February 21, 2022) and the state duty has been paid, citizens of Ukraine, LPR and DPR can return the state duty.

However, although this law has entered into force, an appropriate regulatory framework is needed for its implementation in practice. The right to a refund of the state fee can be exercised only after determining the procedure for the refund of the state fee in these cases.

An application for the return of the state duty can be submitted within three years from the date of its transfer to the budget.

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