

**Do I need a visa?**

**Answer:** A Russian visa is required for nationals of most countries. However, recently Russia established a visa free regime with several European, Asian and South American countries. To check whether the visa free regime is applicable in your case, please contact the Russian consulate in your country.

**How to obtain a visa?**

**Answer:** To obtain a Russian visa, you first need to obtain an invitation (visa support) issued by an authorized organization. Then you should take that invitation to the Russian consulate in your country in order to obtain an actual visa.

**How can "Status Company" help me obtain a visa. Do you actually provide visas?**

**Answer:** Status Company provides business invitations (visa support).

Once you have obtained an invitation, you will have to submit it to the Russia consulate or a visa expediting agency in your country.

The visa fees vary depending on the consulate location, applicant's citizenship and processing time. Please contact the Russian consulate in order to obtain the up to date information.

**Submitting an invitation****How to submit an application?**

**Answer:** To order a business invitation, please fill in business application form.

A clear photocopy of your passport should be enclosed to your application.

If you travel with family, your spouse and/or children will also need business visas as accompanying family members. Please apply on their behalf and enclose a copy of marriage and/or birth certificate.

If you apply for a visa not in your own country, a copy of your residence or work permit in the country of your temporary residence may also be required. In this case our operators will inform you about this additional requirement.

**Do I need to indicate the exact dates of my visit to Russia?**

**Answer:** If your exact travel dates are not yet settled, it is always a good idea to obtain a tourist invitation for a longer period than you actually plan to stay in Russia. Then you can get a visa for the same period and travel between the dates with no problem. You cannot enter earlier or overstay your visa but you always can enter the country later or/and leave it earlier than originally planned.

A business invitation and visa will be valid for 1, 3, 6 or 12 months since the date of your first planned entry to Russia.

**Do I need to indicate my exact itinerary?**

**Answer:** Please indicate the main cities you plan to visit. Small towns and places that you plan to visit for a day or two do not need to be specified.

**How do I pay for your invitation?**

**Answer:** Status offers three methods of payment:

1. You can pay with your international non-electronic credit or debit card. In this case the application is immediately taken to processing. Please note that your credit card will not be automatically charged. The payment is processed after an application is checked by our operators. If we need any additional information to process your request, you will be contacted via e-mail before your credit card is charged.

2. You can pay via bank transfer. Our bank details will be sent you same or next business day, as soon as your application is checked by our operators. Your invitation will be taken to processing once our bank confirms the funds' receipt. Please note that the transfer may take a few days.

3. You can have your contacts in Saint Petersburg visit our office and pay in cash. Please make sure to contact us and check whether the application is in full order before sending a contact person to our office. Your application will be taken to processing once the payment is received.

### **Obtaining an invitation**

#### **I have received my invitation. What next?**

**Answer:** The original invitation is sent via UPS. The shipping takes two to three business days and the fees vary depending on the destination. Once you have obtained an official invitation, you can apply at the Russian consulate in your country for an actual visa.

Here follows the list of documents you will have to present to the Russian consulate: completed consulate application form, invitation letter, original passport, two passport size mat finish photos, consular fee and a proof of medical insurance.

For multiple entry visas you will also be required to present an AIDS Test certificate with test results issued within the previous 30 days.

Those who apply for a visa not in their own country may also need to present documents that confirm their status in this country.

It is always a good idea to contact the Russian consulate in order to receive the latest update on the required documents, processing time options and consular fees.

The consulate will also inform you whether it would be possible for you to send the documents via registered mail (enclosing a return envelope) and then have your passport with visa sent back to you. This option is available in most countries.

Another option is to have a local visa agency take care of your consulate application.

### **How to fill in the consulate application form?**

#### **Business visa application**

**Answer:** Purpose of visit - BUSINESS.

Russian institution to be visited - please indicate the name of the invitation issuer. This information has been sent you along with an invitation.

Itinerary (cities to be visited) - as listed on the invitation.

Date of entry - as listed on the invitation.

Date of departure - as listed on the invitation.

Number of entries - as listed on the invitation.

Type of passport - TOURIST.

Name and reference number of the tourist group - non-applicable.

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**Hotel reservation and registration fee payment also may be done via Russian Travel Agency STATUS mentioned above**