

RVPO

Temporary Residence Permit for Education Purposes

From January 1, 2023, foreign citizens studying FULL-TIME bachelor's, specialist's, master's, residency, or postgraduate programmes in a state educational or state scientific organisation are given the opportunity to apply for a Temporary Residence Permit for Education Purposes (“RVPO/ PБИО” in Russian) in accordance with Article 6.2 of the Federal Law “On the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens in the Russian Federation” (hereinafter referred to as “the Federal Law”).

- RVPO is issued for the prescribed period of the training programme, plus one hundred and eighty calendar days following the end of the training period. In case of a positive decision on the issuance of RVPO, a corresponding stamp is affixed to the passport of a foreign citizen.
- Application for RVPO must be submitted by a foreign citizen personally or through [the Unified Portal of State and Municipal Services](#) (“Gosuslugi/ Госуслуги” in Russian) to the department of the Migration Service located in the region where the applicant is pursuing their studies.
- **Advantages of RVPO include:**
 - in case a foreign citizen arrived upon visa, they shall be issued a multiple-entry visa for the duration of RVPO;
 - as opposed to other residence regimes in the Russian Federation, there is no obligation to submit an annual notification of confirmation of residence in the country;
 - a foreign citizen who has received RVPO shall be able to stay in the Russian Federation for the entire period of their studies, and for the following six months after completing the studies, during which they can apply for a permanent residence permit without leaving the country;

- the opportunity to apply for a residence permit remains for three years after the completion of studies, without obtaining a temporary residence permit;
- confirmation of proficiency in the Russian language, knowledge of history and basics of the legislation of the Russian Federation is not required.
- In case of transfer to part-time mode of education or early termination of studies, RVPO is cancelled. After the cancellation of RVPO, if there are grounds for it, a foreign citizen has the right to re-apply for the issuance of RVPO beyond the deadline provided for by paragraph 6 of Article 6 of the Federal Law (not earlier than one year from the date of rejection of their previous application for the issuance of RVPO or cancellation of the previously issued RVPO).

More detailed information on obtaining RVPO is available on the website of [the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia](#)