

## E-visa characteristics of and conditions for issuing an e-visa

1. An e-visa is only issued for visits to one of the following three regions of the Russian Federation: the Far-Eastern Federal District, or Kaliningrad Oblast, or Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast. An e-visa issued for a visit to one of the three above-listed regions is not valid for visits to other regions of the Russian Federation.
2. An e-visa is free. Invitations, hotel booking confirmations or any other documents that confirm the purpose of your journey to the Russian Federation are not required for an e-visa. The time period for issuing an e-visa is no longer than 4 calendar days from the date of submission of the complete application.
3. E-visa can be used for entering and leaving the Russian Federation at the following checkpoints at the national border of the Russian Federation in the Far Eastern Federal District, Kaliningrad Oblast, Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast:
  - air checkpoints «Vladivostok (Knevichy Airport)», «Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk (Khomutovo Airport)», «Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (Yelizovo Airport)», «Blagoveschensk», «Khabarovsk (Novy Airport)», «Anadyr (Ugolny Airport)», «Kaliningrad (Khrabrovo)», «Ulan-Ude (Muhino)», «Chita (Kadala)», «Pulkovo»;
  - naval checkpoints «Vladivostok», «Zarubino», «Posiet», «Korsakov», «Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky», «Kaliningrad (checkpoints in the cities of Kaliningrad, Baltiysk and Svetly)», «Vysotsk», «Big port Saint Petersburg (Marine Station)», «Passenger port Saint Petersburg»;
  - railroad checkpoints «Pogranichny», «Khasan», «Makhalino», «Mamonovo», «Sovetsk»;
  - automobile checkpoints «Poltavka», «Turiy Rog», «Bagrationovsk», «Gusev», «Mamonovo (Grzechotki)», «Mamonovo (Gronowo)», «Morskoje», «Pogranichny», «Sovetsk», «Chernyshevskoye», «Ivangorod», «Torfjanovka», «Brusnitchnoe», «Svetogorsk»;
  - pedestrian checkpoint «Ivangorod».
4. E-visa is a single-entry visa and issued for 30 calendar days from the date of its issuance. The permitted stay in the Russian Federation with an e-visa is *up to 8 days* starting from the date of entry, *within its validity period*.

The e-visa validity period and (or) the allowed period of stay under the e-visa *are not subject to extension*, except in cases where it is impossible to leave the territory of the Russian Federation due to medical emergency, or force-majeure circumstances, or natural hazards.

**ATTENTION!** The allowed period of stay in the Russian Federation of *up to 8 days* under an e-visa *does not imply* that one can stay for the entire *192 hours* (24 hours multiplied by 8). The day of entry and the day of exit are counted as two days. You can use [the visa calculator](#) to determine how long you will be allowed to stay in the Russian Federation.

Just remember one *simple rule*: if you, for example, passed through the passport control when entering on *Monday*, you must pass the passport control for exit no later than the *next Monday*. If you entered on *Tuesday*, you must exit no later than the *next week's Tuesday* (and so on for each day of the week). In any case you must exit *no later than the visa expiry date*, even if your period of stay is less than 8 days. For instance, you entered on Monday and the validity period of the visa *expires on Sunday*: in this case, you must exit *no later than Sunday*.

5. E-visas can be of the following categories only: ordinary business visa (purpose of journey is business), ordinary tourist visa (purpose of journey is tourism), and ordinary humanitarian visa (purposes of journey are sports, cultural, scientific and technological ties). If the purpose of your journey to the Russian Federation does not correspond to any of the above, you should apply for a traditional (non electronic) visa at a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation.

6. Foreign citizens who have arrived in the Russian Federation with e-visas issued for *the Far-Eastern Federal District* are entitled to move freely only within the territory of the constituent entity of Russian Federation (making part of the Far-Eastern Federal District) of their entry. Foreign citizens may only exit from the Russian Federation through border crossing points of the constituent entity of the Russian Federation of their entry.
7. Foreign citizens who have arrived in the Russian Federation with e-visas issued for *Kaliningrad Oblast* are entitled to move freely only within the territory of Kaliningrad Oblast. Foreign citizens may only exit from the Russian Federation through border crossing points of Kaliningrad Oblast.
8. Foreign citizens who have arrived in the Russian Federation with e-visas issued for *Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast* are entitled to move freely only within the territories of Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast. Foreign citizens may only exit from the Russian Federation through border crossing points of Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast.
9. You can fill in an application form for an e-visa on this website not earlier than 20 days and no later than 4 days before the intended date of entry into the Russian Federation
10. Indication of date, month and year of birth is mandatory when filling out the application form. If your full date of birth is not specified in your passport, the e-visa application cannot be accepted for processing. In this case you need to contact a diplomatic mission or a consular office of the Russian Federation and apply for a regular visa (not an e-visa).
11. If you are traveling with your minor children indicated in your passport, a separate e-visa application must be submitted for each child. All minor children traveling with their parents must have their own e visa.
12. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date you applied for an e-visa. Your passport must have free space for border crossing stamps.
13. Foreign citizens who have arrived to the Russian Federation with e-visas are required to have a medical insurance valid in the Russian Federation's territory for the entire period of stay.
14. There is no need to apply for an e-visa to enter the Far Eastern Federal District, Kaliningrad Oblast, Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast if you already have a valid Russian visa in your passport. You are allowed to enter the said regions using a regular visa within its validity period with no limitations provided for by an e-visa. An e-visa does not extend the validity period of a regular visa.
15. Before you apply for an e-visa you are required to agree to the automatic processing, transfer and storage of data provided in your application for the purpose of the e-visa issuance.
16. Your application must contain full and valid data. *Any incorrect information, including passport data and photo, could cause revocation of an already issued visa at the national border checkpoint of the Russian Federation.*

## Procedure for Filling out an E-Visa Application Form

1. *Your surname, given name(s), and patronymic name (if any) must be indicated in the application form precisely as they are indicated in the first machine-readable line of your passport, irrespective of how they are indicated in the visual zone of the passport.*
2. *In the machine-readable line of the passport, the surname always starts with the 6th character of the first line.* The surname in the machine-readable line is separated from the given name(s) by the << symbols. The < symbol serves to separate parts of the surname (if there are more than one) and given names (if there are more than one). The patronymic name (if any) is considered one of the given names.
3. If your surname consists of several parts (words) and they do not fit in the "Surname" field of the application form, you should indicate all the initial parts (words) of your surname that can be entered in full in this field, *in the same order and exactly as they appear in the first machine-readable line of your passport.* Parts (words) of the surname that could not be entered in full

in the "Surname" field of the application form may not be abbreviated and/or entered in the "Given Name(s)" field.

4. Your given name(s) and patronymic name (if any) must be entered in the "Given Name(s)" field of the application form in the same order and exactly as they are written in the first machine-readable line of your passport, even if they appear in this line as separate letters.
5. If your passport number contains a symbol that looks like the Latin letter "O", be sure to find it in the first nine symbols of the second machine-readable line of your passport and make sure that it is really the letter "O" and not the digit "0".
6. If your passport number contains a symbol that looks like the Roman numeral "I", do not indicate the digit "1" in the application – it is not a number but the Latin letter "I".

***Please be very careful! Even one incorrect letter or digit in your passport details is a reason for denying entry into the Russian Federation and cancelling your visa at a checkpoint.***

## E-visa application procedure

1. Before you fill in your application form, make sure you have the following:
  - A web browser with JavaScript. Our website currently supports the following browsers: Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge. We cannot guarantee that the site would function correctly with other browsers.
  - Software for PDF files viewing and printing. [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) is recommended.
  - Your valid national passport.

Choose the tips language from the relevant drop-down list. Tips will clarify the meaning of the questions you need to answer. If you have chosen Russian as the tips language all answers to the questions in the application must be entered only in Russian, with the exception of surnames, given names, addresses and names of institutions that are required to be entered in English. If you have chosen English all your answers must be only in English with the use of the Latin alphabet characters.

2. Confirm that you agree to the automatic processing, transfer and storage of data provided in your application for e-visa purposes.
3. To start a new application, click the "Proceed to Fill in the Application" button.
4. To continue filling in, edit, review or print the completed application choose the "Retrieve application" menu item.
5. Enter your personal e-mail address and confirm it, then enter your password for this site and confirm it. ***WRITE DOWN YOUR PASSWORD!***
6. ***Write down or print the Application ID*** displayed in the top left corner of the page. It will be required to continue your application if the session has been disconnected. To save your draft application, click the "Save the Draft" button. Your e-visa application form will be available within 30 days since its last save.
7. Proceed to fill in the fields of the application. Follow the tips on each page of the application. Fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required. If you have made any errors while filling in the form or have not filled in the required fields, they will be highlighted and a message will appear under them indicating the error you need to fix.
8. Upload your digital color photo in the JPEG format. The photo must meet the following requirements.
9. Click the button sending the application and wait for the confirmation of its acceptance for processing.

After sending your application:

You can use this site to follow up on the status of your application. Once a relevant decision is taken, the status of your application will be changed to "Visa issued" or "Visa denied". You will be able to download a PDF file with the information concerning the decision on the application thereafter. Automatic messages concerning the status of your application and the decision thereon as well as detailed instructions for further steps will be sent to your personal e-mail.

Download and print the notification with your e-visa. Otherwise, save the information set out in the notification, so that you could visually present it to representatives of a transport company when getting on a vehicle and passport control officers at a national border checkpoint when entering the Russian Federation.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do not save the PDF file with the result of your application examination on the computer that can be accessed by those who have no permission to view or record your personal data. If you save the file to the hard drive of a public computer, for instance, in an Internet café or a library, other users may find and open it.

If you have not received a notification of e-visa grant or e-visa refusal within four days, you can apply for a visa as per standard procedure at a diplomatic mission or consular office of the Russian Federation.

**ATTENTION!** *Notification of e-visa grant does not guarantee your entry into the Russian Federation.* You can be denied entry at a border crossing point should the circumstances referred to in Federal Law No. 114 FZ "On the Procedure of Exit from the Russian Federation and Entry into the Russian Federation" of August 15, 1996 arise.