



RUSSIAN CITIZENSHIP

GENERAL OVERVIEW
OF THE PROCESS



What law regulates the process of application for Russian citizenship?



**Federal Law «On citizenship of Russian Federation» from 31.05.2002
№ 62-FL**



**Document, confirming Russian citizenship –
Russian passport**



**Place
of birth:
Russia**



**At least one of
the parents –
Russian citizen**



**Russian
citizenship**

Are there any other ways to get Russian citizenship?



Standard process for foreigners: TRP - PRP – Citizenship

Process will be different depending on basis for citizenship application:



Right of birth



Marriage to Russian national



For Russian language native speakers



Foreigners «with refugee status»



Highly Qualified Specialists



Participants of the compatriots relocation program

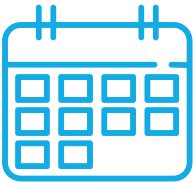


CIS citizens



Those born in USSR

What are the requirements which a citizenship applicant must fulfil?



Permanently live in Russia for not less than 5 years based on PRP. Allowed break in stay – 3 months during 1 year period. (Exception can be made for applicants who exceptionally served Russia and those who were living in USSR countries and 3 years or more served in Russia military)



Have legal and enough income



Renounce foreign citizenship (for example, one can apply to the consulate of the respective country in Russia for this procedure)



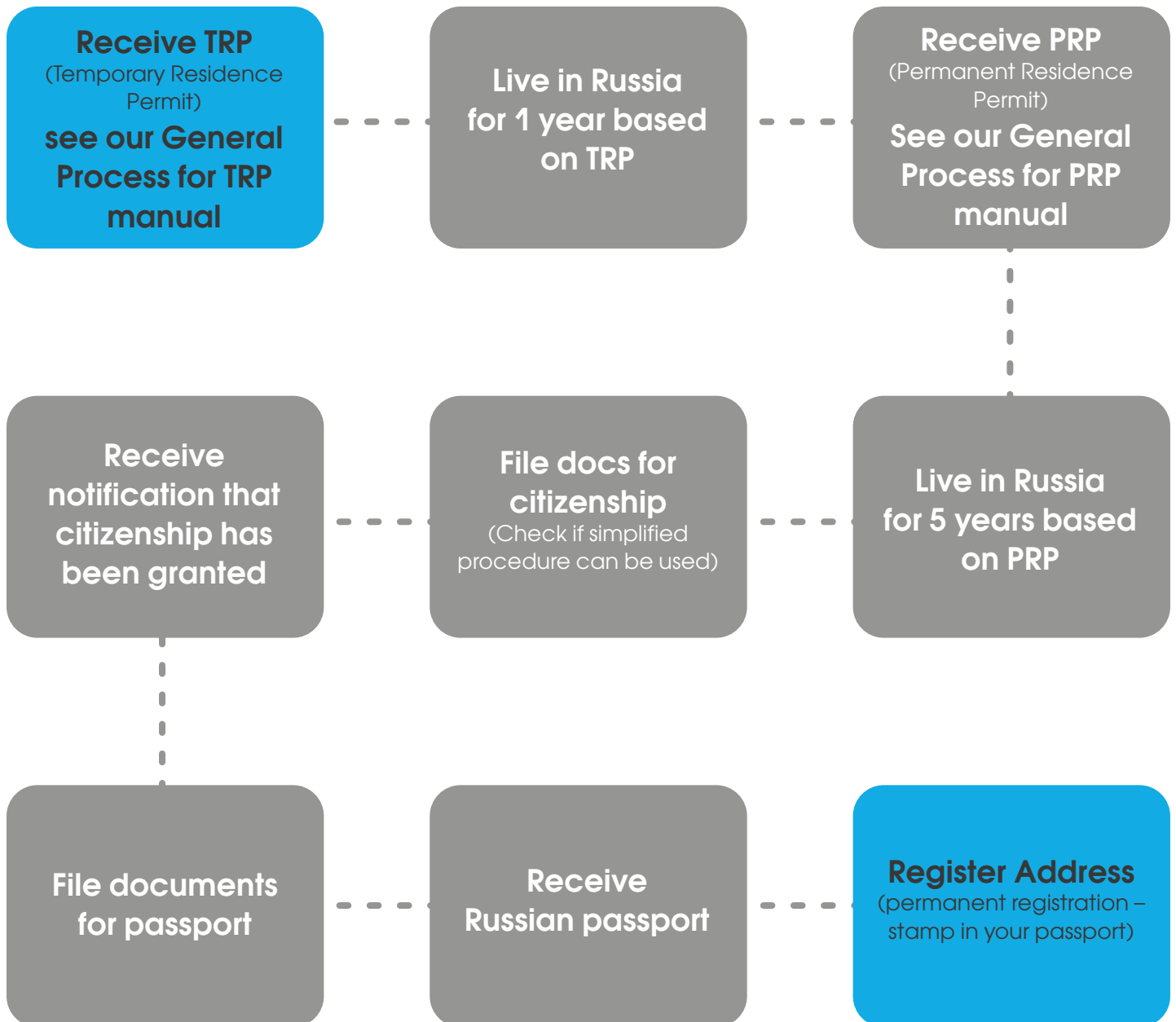
Receive certificate confirming good command of the Russian language



To comply with Russian legislation and respect Russian Constitution

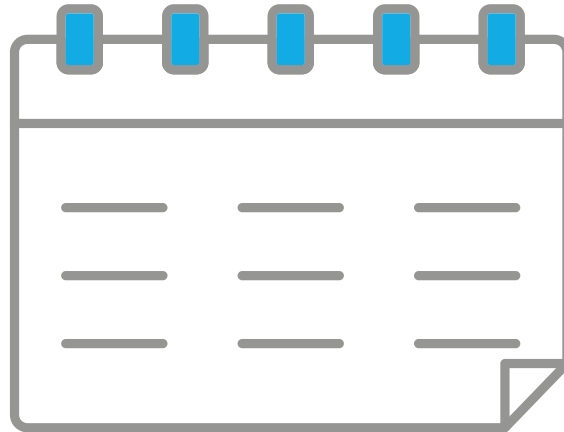
What is the application process?

(Application for Russian citizenship:
general procedure)

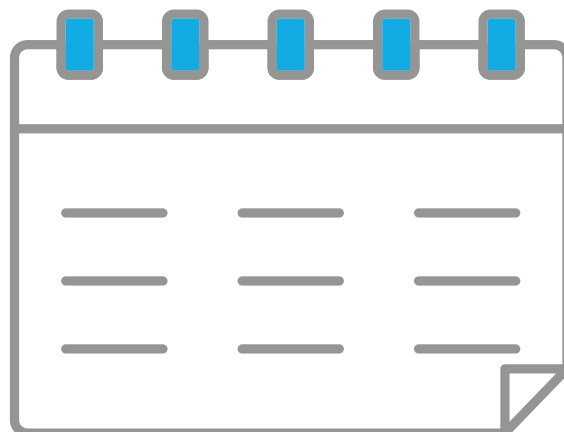


During each year of residing in Russia foreign citizen should not leave Russia for more than 3 months!!!

How long does the citizenship application review take?



**General procedure
6 - 12 months**



**Simplified procedure up
to 6 months**

What is the approximate list of documents required?

Depending on the basis for citizenship application the following documents can be required:



Birth \ Marriage Certificate



If you changed your Name, Surname, etc.- document, confirming the changes



Education certificate



Application - 2 copies



Passport



Notarized copy of PRP



Document, renouncing foreign citizenship - 2 copies



Government fee payment certificate



Photo - 4 copies



Document, confirming source of income



Document, confirming knowledge of Russian language (school certificate from school in Russia or RSFSR)

Received Russian citizenship, what's next?

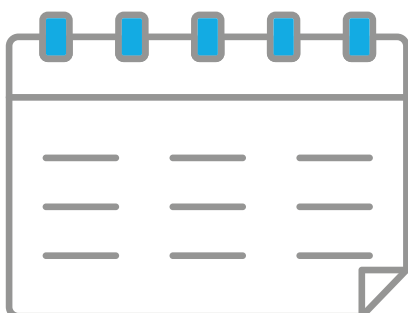
After notification, which confirms that citizenship was granted has been received, it is necessary to receive a document in person which will confirm this – that is Russian passport

IN ORDER TO DO THIS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO THE RESPONSIBLE INTERNAL AFFAIRS MINSITRY OFFICE:

- Application
- Photo 3x4
- ID document
- Gov. fee payment certificate

DEPENDING ON THE BASIS ON WHICH THE CITIZENSHIP WAS OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED:

- Marriage/Birth Certificate



Application review will take 10 business days / 30 days if documents are files to the office different from the office related to registration address!

Simplified procedure for obtaining Russian citizenship

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- Foreign citizens, who have at least 1 parent – Russian citizen
- Foreign citizens, who were born on the territory of the former RSFSR and had USSR citizenship
- Foreign citizens, who are married to Russian citizens for not less than 3 years
- Foreign citizens, who have children over 18, who are disabled and who are Russian citizens, and such foreign citizens are the only parents
- Foreign citizens with children – Russian citizens (and are the only parents)
- Disabled people, who have children over 18 with Russian citizenship
- Foreign citizens, who received university (or professional) degree in Russia after the 1st of July 2002 and worked in Russia for not less than 3 years before filing for citizenship

Russian citizenship: simplified procedure

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- Foreign citizens, who have legal business in Russia not less than 3 years, with profit of not less than 10 million rubles for this period
- Highly qualified specialists, who have worked in Russia for not less than 3 years before filing for citizenship
- Enterprise owners, who invested into Russian economy and whose tax input is not less than 6 million rubles at the time of the application filing, and pure assets are not less than 100 million rubles
- Russian language native speakers
- Compatriots relocation program participants
- Persons who have «refugee» status
- II World War veterans, who lived in USSR
- Belorussian, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan citizens

Russian citizenship: Practical Recommendations/FAQs:



Internal Affairs Ministry offices are dealing with issues connected with citizenship



Many ask if there is a quota for obtaining Russian citizenship: there is no such quota.



Recently, the process of obtaining Russian citizenship has been simplified for Ukrainian citizens and other persons living in Ukraine, especially those from Donetskaya and Luganskaya Peoples Republics.



Recently a new law has been passed by the State Duma which simplifies procedure for obtaining TRP (Temporary Residence Permit) and PRP (Permanent Residence Permit) to certain categories of foreign citizens, which eventually simplifies the process of obtaining Russian citizenship. This is especially true for qualified professionals and Ukrainian citizens.

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