

Visa for Russia

Required documents

Tourist Visa (max. 30 days)	Details
Original passport	Valid 6 months beyond scheduled departure date from Russia
Application form	Online see link below
1x Color passport photo	Max. 6 months old. No scans. 3.5 x 4.5 cm, with white background.
Insurance letter	In copy. See details under "Important"
Voucher / Tourist invitation from hotel or tour operator	In copy. In Russian.
Non-Swiss: Residence permit	In copy. Permit G / L ok. See exemptions below

Business Visa	Details
Original passport	Valid 6 months beyond scheduled departure date from Russia
Application form	Online see link below
1x Color passport photo	Max. 6 months old. No scans. 3.5 x 4.5 cm, with white background.
Insurance letter	In copy. See details under "Important"
Invitation letter from Russian host company or Russian Ministry of Internal/Foreign Affairs	In Russian. Copy or original. See details under "Important"
Non-Swiss: Residence permit	In copy. Permit G / L ok. See exemptions below

Online application link: <https://visa.kdmid.ru/PetitionChoice.aspx>

Additional information regarding check-list

- CSW can organize Tourist or Business Invitation Letter. Price on request.
- CSW can quickly organize a medical insurance for you (max. age 79). Price on request.
- Citizens of the EU-countries (except IRE, UK), Iceland and Norway are not required to submit a copy of their residence permit. UK citizens must have a residence permit B, C or L.

Important

The visa is valid according to the dates in the Russian invitation. Unless the insurance validity is shorter.

Business multi-entry visas are available with an original invitation letter from Russian Ministry of Internal/Foreign Affairs (no previous visa required) or with an original invitation letter from the Russian host company (requires a previous Russian visa used within the last year). The invitation letter from the Russian host company provided as a copy will suffice for business single (max. 30 days) or double entry (max. 90 days).

The insurance letter must contain: the policy number; the full name of the person insured; validity in Russia/worldwide; the signature of the insurer; validity for the entire period of stay in Russia for single/double-entry visas and at least for a half-year of the submitted duration of multi-entry visas; coverage of in- and outpatient medical treatment, incl. repatriation in case of death.

You may only have 1 valid Russian visa in your passport. Other valid visas will be cancelled automatically. CSW cannot guarantee that the requested visa will be issued. In each case, the embassy takes the final decision.

Processing times for visa issuance (excluding Russian and Swiss holidays)

A visa request can be submitted max. 3 months in advance of expected entry to Russia.

Normal procedure: 8 – 10 working days
Express procedure*: 4 – 5 working days (ask CSW, it is not available for every case)
Urgent procedure*: 2 – 3 working days (ask CSW, it is not available for every case)

Business visas with an original invitation letter from the ministry of internal/foreign affairs can be processed with every procedure.

Business multiple entries with an original invitation from the Russian host company:

- Procedure for Swiss: 10 – 12 working days
- Procedure for Non-Swiss: 14 – 16 working days

Please note, all applications for **tourist visas** can be submitted for normal procedure (8-10 working days) only. Express/urgent procedures (2-5 days) is not available for this type of visa.

* Express and Urgent Procedures are only available upon submission of a **special request letter**. The request must be accepted by the consulate. One day after submission to the consulate, CSW will be informed if the request was accepted or not. A copy of the applicant's signature will suffice.