

## Migration registration of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation

We kindly ask to take this information in the most responsible way. The success of a foreign citizen's trip may depend upon it.

1. Since January 2007 the **migration registration** of foreign citizens at the place of sojourn in the Russian Federation is introduced.

Within 7 working days all the foreigners coming to Russia must get migration registration. Registration of your visa after 7 working days from your arrival requests to pay the penalty in police.

2. Before leaving Russia as well as moving to another place of stay in Russia foreign citizens must not be removed from the migration control in the local FMS, but have pass the detachable part of the notification form at the exit border guards or other persons upon request.

So it means that visa registration must be done **every time** the person enters Russia or changes the place of stay in Russia.

3. The absence of registration will not allow you to follow some legal acts and can be a reason for a penalty or arrest by police.
4. **If you stay in the hotel**, the administration of the hotel will register your visa for a period of your stay. All the measures necessary for the registration of a foreign citizen are taken by the administration of the hotel. Hotel administration can charge migration registration services fee at the rate of 100-200 RUR.
5. **If you do not stay in the hotel**, your visa can be registered by the owner of the home (the owner of the apartment) where you stay.

Please be aware that the time of sojourn of a foreign citizen in the Russian Federation is determined by the period of validity of the visa issued to him/her.

Violation of rules of migration registration may entail administrative responsibility of a foreign citizen in the form a penalty, in certain cases accompanied with expulsion from the territory of the Russian Federation. A foreign citizen who has been administratively expelled may be further banned from entry to the Russian Federation for the period of up to five years.

Xerocopies of the passport, migration card and detachable part of the Notification, in case of their loss or any other unforeseen circumstances, would help to confirm that the foreign citizen in fact has the documents and observes the rules of migration registration.