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BASIC SET OF DOCUMENTS (For all applicants)

Please note, that all the applicants who come to the Visa Application Center of Finland for the application submission personally, will have to provide a copy of the bio page of their foreign passport.

1. **One application form filled on a computer** (online application form is [available here](#)), typewriter or in hand in block letters and neatly. The form should be signed personally by the applicant. The application form should be filled clearly, using Latin alphabet.
2. **One recent full face color photograph** taken against a neutral one-coloured background. The photograph should measure 35-40 mm in width. The face should take 70-80% of the photograph. The photo must not be more than six (6) months old. Retouched photographs are not accepted.
3. **A valid foreign passport.** The passport must be issued less than ten (10) years ago. The passport must be in good condition. The passport must be valid three (3) months after the end of proposed visa duration and there should be at least two (2) empty pages available in the passport. If the applicant changes his or her name, he or she needs to apply for a passport under the new name. Even if the old passport has a valid visa, the applicant has to apply for a new visa for the new passport. Travelling with two different passports is not permitted. Please note that at the submission all valid passports must be provided.
4. **A copy of the bio page of the foreign passport.** Starting from September 14 2015 all the applicants (including children under 12) who come to the Visa Application Center of Finland to submit their applications personally should provide a copy of the bio page of their foreign passport.
5. **Old/expired or another valid foreign passport** if a valid Finnish or any other Schengen visa (sticker) has been assigned to this passport in the last 59 months and the applicant doesn't have any Schengen visa in his valid passport or if the applicant wants to attach his old passport to his application.
6. **Russian internal passport copy - for all the Russian nationals aged 14 and above.** All applicants are requested to provide a copy of their internal passport's personal information page (biopage) and pages with the registration stamps.
An applicant submitting in person is requested to show an original internal passport.
A representative is requested to provide copies of applicant's internal passport bio- and registration pages.
7. **A travel medical insurance policy.** Each applicant (including children) must have an insurance policy. Exceptions are the spouses of EU citizens* and their minor children (children under 21) as well as bearers of diplomatic and official passports on mission.

*Spouses and children under 18 of citizens of Finland must have an insurance policy.

Basic requirements for an insurance policy:

- In order to receive a multiple entry visa it is enough to present an insurance policy, which is valid during the first planned trip. The applicant must agree to purchase a medical insurance policy for further trips to the Schengen region by accepting and signing the corresponding section in the visa application.
- The insurance policy for the applicants applying for 1-entry visa must be valid during the whole stay in the Schengen area.
- Applicants for double-entry visa must have a valid policy for both of the journeys.
- Insurance validity region should cover all Schengen countries
- The policy must not include a franchise
- The insurance should cover a minimum of 30 000 Euros or 40 000 dollars
- The policy should cover the costs in case of sudden illness or accident and/ or assistance on site, including the costs of medical repatriation of the insured person to the place of permanent residency or the repatriation in case of death.
- Insurance policies filled in by hand are not accepted. Insurance policy has to be filled in in Latin letters.
- Applicant's personal data: name, surname and date of birth must be mentioned in the policy.
- The medical insurance policy connected to the bank card can be accepted by the Consulate if all general requirements for the insurance policies are fulfilled. The validity of the insurance policy should not depend on any extra conditions such as the trip being paid fully or partly by card. The applicant should provide the

certificate proving that the insurance policy connected to the bank card is valid without any extra conditions.

8. **Personal data processing consent** has to be signed by every applicant since May 2011 according to Federal law of Russian Federation "About personal data".

Please note that all applicants who submit documents through authorized representatives are also obliged to prepare this document in advance or to sign a power of attorney on a representative. Don't forget that if one of the group members submits documents for rest of the group, he/she needs to have this document or power attorney from the other group members.

Power attorney can be notarized or handwritten.

A lawful representative (parents, tutors, etc.) should sign this document for a minor (all children under 18).

The document for Saint Petersburg, Vyborg, Veliky Novgorod, Vologda and Pskov can be found [here](#).

9. **Visa Revoking form for a Schengen visa.** This document will be added to the application if the purpose of travel has to be changed (i.e. from tourism to business or seasonal work to tourism) or there is a valid Schengen C type visa in applicant's old or void (expired) passport. The Form needs to be filled and signed personally by the applicant. For minor applicants the form should be signed by their official guardians.

The forms can be acquired and filled during the submission at the Visa Application Center.

10. Additional documents for minors (under 18)

The original of birth certificate and it's copy are mandatory documents at the submission of the minor applicant.

If a child's application is submitted separately from the application of his/her parent/parents, a notarized consent from non applying parent/parents is required. The consent has to be valid from the day of submitting a visa application and has to cover all Schengen countries.

The consent should not be older than 12 months upon the day of submission and must cover at least the first planned trip. Along with the original and copy of the consent, the original and copy of the child's birth certificate and the copy of Schengen-visa of the parent (if there is one) are also required. If the applicant is applying for single entry visa the notarized consent can cover the period of the planned trip.

A parent's notarized consent can be replaced by any of the following:

- The visa application form signed by the parents/guardians of the applicant in Visa application centre in presence of the specialist of Visa application centre. In this case each parent/guardian needs to provide the original of his internal passport and attach the copy of the photo page to the application of the child
- parent's death certificate
- parent's notarized certificate stating that the whereabouts of the other parent are unknown (issued not more than 1 year ago)
- a police certificate stating that the whereabouts of the other parent are unknown, and during the search period the parent was not found (issued not more than 1 year ago)
- certificate № 25 stating that details of father in the child's birth certificate were put as per mother's words
- court decision that the parent is a single parent
- free form written consent, that would contain all the information required from the notarized one (**only for parents that have EU, EEA or Switzerland residence permit or EU, EEA or Switzerland passport**)

Attention! In accordance with the EU legislation, a child cannot be included into his/her parents' visa. It is necessary to complete a separate application form with photo and complete set of required documents for every child. A child must obtain his/her own separate visa. If the child is included in his/her parent's passport, the visa will be pasted into the passport bearing the child. The passport must have one additional blank page per visa for each endorsed child.

APPLICANTS WITHOUT PERMANENT REGISTRATION IN RUSSIAN FEDERATION

An applicant has to show the original of his/her internal passport upon submission of the application and provide copies of the personal information page of the internal passport and all pages with the registration stamp. **If a representative of an applicant submits the documents, it is mandatory to have copies of the applicant's internal passport's pages with the personal information and registration.**

1. **The official temporary registration in Russian Federation from UFMS** needs to be provided if the applicant doesn't have an active stamp of the **permanent** registration in his internal passport or if in applicant's internal passport there is a stamp "снят с регистрационного учёта" older than 90 days (exceptions listed below do not apply to this category of applicants).

Applicants who do not have permanent registration the region falling under the respective Diplomatic Mission's jurisdiction (area served by the Diplomatic Mission) have to apply in person. The exceptions are made for representatives of the official institution, where the applicant works or studies (letter of attorney should be provided), as well submission of minors' applications.

Please note that a multiple entry visa is required for ferry trips from Russia to any Schengen countries. A single entry visa will be void after leaving the ship once. Supporting documents (tickets, travel plan) are required to confirm the trip.

NON-RUSSIAN CITIZENS

Attention! The Diplomatic Mission can accept applications of a third country citizen if the applicant has an official proof of long term legal stay in the region falling under the respective Diplomatic Mission's jurisdiction (area served by the Diplomatic Mission)

Here is the list of supporting documents accepted as an official proof:

- Temporary registration or
- Temporary residence permit or
- Permanent residence permit

Please note that the above documents need to be valid at least one month after documents submission.

Additionally applicants (including children) need to provide:

- The migration card (Applicants from Belarus do not need a migration card)
- Russian visa, that is valid at least 3 months after the expiry day of visa requested (if applicable). Applicants with citizenship where Russian visa regime has been waived do not need a visa to enter Russia. Full list can be found on Russian Foreign Ministry's homepage. The Russian visa should not have any restrictions concerning the amount of days allowed in the Russian Federation and should allow staying in the Russian Federation during the whole period of visa validity.

If the applicant is officially employed:

- Note from the employer (proof of employment) and/or copy of the labor book (трудовая книжка) with the stamp of the employer. The note has to mention the applicant's work position and starting date of work. It is recommended to provide salary details as well.
- Russian work permit. Exemption case:
 - If the applicant is a citizen of Belarus, Armenia or Kazakhstan.
 - If the applicant has a Russian residence permit (temporary or permanent).
 - If the applicant has a patent. Citizens of the following countries may work for an individual person or a company with a patent and work permit is not needed: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Moldova, Kirgizia, Tadjikistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine. Additionally work agreement and receipts of paid taxes have to be attached to the application.

If the applicant is a student:

- Study certificate from the educational institution issued in the current term and a student card. The study certificate has to indicate start and end dates of the studies

If the applicant is a pensioner:

- Pension certificate and verified translation if not issued in Russia.

If the applicant is a private entrepreneur:

- Certificate from the tax department about the registration of the company
- Certificate from the tax department or an excerpt from the trade register. The certificate or excerpt can't be more than 1 month old.

If the applicant is unemployed:

- Document(s) proving assets: e.g. bank statements (from last 3 months), documents on property or other documents applicant wants to submit.

If the applicant's spouse or family member is a citizen of Russia:

- Copy of the marriage certificate and documents of possible change of name/surname.
- Copy of the family member's internal passport data page and all pages with the registration stamps.
- Copy of the birth certificate (if applicable)
- Possible Schengen-visas of the family member.

Additional documents on family ties that support the visa application can also be accepted for other applicants where the spouse or family member is a citizen of Russia.

An invitation is recommended if the reason for travel is business or visiting family or friends.

Non-Russian citizens have to apply in person. The only exception allowed is submission of minors' applications.

Please note that a multiple entry visa is required for ferry trips from Russia to any Schengen countries. A single entry visa will be void after leaving the ship once. Supporting documents (tickets, travel plan) are required to confirm the trip.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSE OF VISIT

TOURISM

- A hotel reservation confirmation or
- A note from an accredited travel agency or
- An invitation from the host
- If the applicants do not have a reservation or are planning a round-trip, they must write a description of planned journey

Starting from 1 September 2019 the following additional documents to be provided:

- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

BUSINESS

- Written request from a hosting/inviting firm/organization or other proof of purpose of stay or proof of employment.

For self-employed:

- Written request from a hosting/inviting firm or organization or other proof of purpose of stay
- Proof of economic activity (e.g. extract from the trade/fiscal registry or certificate for individual business) or bank statement(s) covering at least three preceding months)

CULTURAL

- An invitation and/or
- If not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means)

MEDICAL REASONS

- An invitation from a Finnish hospital/medical center and/or
- A medical certificate from a Finnish doctor
- Proof of the itinerary (e.g. a confirmation of the booking of an organised trip). If not available, adequate written description of the planned journey
- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

OFFICIAL VISIT

- Letter (e.g. verbal note) issued by a competent Russian authority (e.g. MID) confirming that the applicant is a member of its delegation travelling to the Schengen Member State
- Copy of the official invitation

SPORTS

- Written request from the host organisation (competent authority, national sport federation or national Olympic committee), including information on the role of the persons
- If not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means)

STUDY

- Written request or certificate of enrolment or
- A student card by the host university, academy, institute, college or school or certificate of the courses to be attended. If not included in the written request
- a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means)

TRANSIT/AIRPORT TRANSIT

- documents related to the onward journey to the final destination (visa or other entry permit for the third country of destination)
- tickets for onward journey
- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

VISITING FRIENDS

- An invitation and/or the inviting person's contact information
- Proof of the itinerary (e.g. a confirmation of the booking of an organised trip). If not available, adequate written description of the planned journey.
- Proof of accommodation (e.g. an invitation from the host. If not available, adequate written description of the planned journey.
- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

VISITING CLOSE RELATIVE, FAMILY MEMBER

- Documents proving the family ties (birth certificate, marriage certificate, documents proving change of surname/name)
- A copy of the close relative's valid residence permit (sticker in the passport or both sides of the residence permit card)
- A copy of the close relative's EU passport
- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

APPLICANTS UNDER THE DIRECTIVE 2004/38/EC (Family member of an EU, EEA and Swiss citizen, who exercises the Right of Free Movement)

- Proof of the EU/EEA/Swiss citizen's nationality (e.g. copy of passport).
- Proof of being a family member: marriage certificate or birth certificate / court decision of custody
- Proof of common journey: flight reservations including possible third countries and other Schengen countries/ Hotel reservation. Please note, that it is not recommended to purchase the tickets before receiving a visa decision.

REAL ESTATE OWNER OR APARTMENT SHAREHOLDER / OWNERS OF BUSINESS

Each time when applying for a visa the applicant has to submit proof of ownership of a house, a lot or apartment in Finland.

When applying for the first time as an owner of real estate the applicant has to provide:

- **a deed of sale** of property or share
- a lot owner must provide **a certificate of legal confirmation of possession of real estate** (lainhuutotodistus) issued by the Local Register Office

For future submissions and for those who purchased real estate more than a year (1) ago:

- an apartment shareholder must provide **a recent house manager's certificate** (isännöitsijäntodistus) no older than 1 year old.
- a lot/house owner must provide **the latest decision of real estate/property tax** (päättös kiinteistöveroitusesta), which is posted to the owner yearly. Explanatory part of the decision doesn't need to be provided.
In case
- In cases of close relatives, proof of the relationship

Owners of businesses in Finland need to provide the excerpt from the trade register proving the ownership. The excerpt can be no more than six (6) months old.

SEASONAL WORK (BERRY PICKING)

The Consulate General is processing applications submitted by the people legally residing in the North-West Consulate region.

Additional documents for seasonal work visa application:

- Valid work contract or a binding work offer, which applies to seasonal work for an employer based in Finland and where the following is defined:
 - Working place and type of work-Length of work contract
 - Salary-Working hours per week/month
 - Possible holiday entitlement
 - Starting date of work contract
- Account of appropriate accommodation(includes account of appropriate accommodation organized by the applicant)
- Employer's assurance form
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

Wild/Forest berry pickers:

- Invitation from the employer (private person or company) with the following details:
 - Name and contact information of the inviting farm or company.
 - Personal information of the person being invited.
 - The working dates and the amount of needed days.
 - Accommodation information and costs of accommodation.
- Proof of employment with salary information; if not available, bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months/ proof of real estate property/apartment in Russia
- A student card and an accompanying note from the educational institution
- Pension certificate

SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

- An invitation from Schengen Member State
- If not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means).

SEAMEN – TRANSITION THROUGH SCHENGEN TO WORK ONBOARD

- an invitation from the shipping company and/or an accompanying note from the applicant's employer
- a crew list
- seaman's identity document is mandatory

DRIVERS OF INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC

For each application:

- Certificate from the Russian national association of carriers (ASMAP or RAS) or from the Russian Ministry of Transport to operate international cargo services
- Proof of employment

AIR CREWS

- Letter from the operating body

JOURNALISTS

- A certificate or other document issued by a professional organization proving that the person is a qualified journalist.
- Letter from his/her employer stating that the purpose of the journey is to carry out journalistic work

FREELANCE JOURNALISTS

- proof of journalistic activity (e.g. a press card or work contract) and
- proof of economic activity/financial means

SCHENGEN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY FINLAND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN RUSSIA

Petrozavodsk Office of the Consulate General of Finland in St Petersburg, Russia

The Petrozavodsk Office of the Consulate General of Finland in St Petersburg, Russia is also processing visa applications to Sweden and the Netherlands. Apart from the basic document package, applicants are to provide the following documents:

The Netherlands:

Business travel purpose:

- An accompanying note from the applicant's employer

Private Visit:

- Invitation as well as its translation in Russian;
- Copy of the inviting person's ID (passport copy or residence permit copy (garant-verklaring))

Tourism:

- Hotel booking confirmation and booked tickets.

Sweden:

- Copy of all filled pages of Internal Russian passport

Private Visit:

- Extract from the Swedish population registration (Personbevis) of the inviting person, not more than 3 months old.
- Copy of the passport If the person is not a Swedish citizen also a copy of the residence permit.

Tourism:

- Hotel booking confirmation and booked tickets.

We recommend taking copies of the original documents beforehand because attachments to the visa application/documents won't be returned.

Murmansk Office of the Consulate General of Finland in St Petersburg, Russia

The Murmansk Office of the Consulate General of Finland in St Petersburg, Russia is a representative Mission for Republic of Iceland and is providing visa services for applicants travelling to Iceland.

The list of required documents for Iceland applications is the same as for an application for a visa to Finland. However, applicants are encouraged to provide any additional documents that might prove the travel purpose, regardless of whether they are mentioned in the lists of required documents or not.

At the discretion of the Diplomatic Mission, the applicant may need to supply additional details, e.g. the copy of

internal passport or a more detailed plan of trip, or the applicant can be invited to the interview.