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Immigration legislation update

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New list of professions for Russian citizenship simplified procedure

February 18, 2020 The Ministry of Labour and Social Development has published an order dated 25.11.2019, № 734н "List of professions (specializations, job positions) of foreign nationals and stateless persons – qualified specialists, who have the right to apply for Russian citizenship using simplified procedure".

Foreign citizens and stateless persons who permanently reside in Russia (that is who have permanent residence permits), have the right to apply for Russian citizenship without having to reside in Russia for 5 consecutive years on the basis of a permanent residence permit before filing an application. Also such foreign citizen (or stateless person) has to perform work activities for not less than 1 year in a job position from the list below.

New list has become considerably bigger and now contains 135 positions.

N	Profession (specialization, job position)
1.	Agricultural engineer
2.	Agronomist
3.	Agrochemist
4.	Midwife
5.	Presenter
6.	Veterinarian
7.	Veterinary Sanitary Expert
8.	Veterinarian
9.	Reproductive Area Veterinarian
10.	Veterinary gynecologist
11.	Veterinarian Therapist
12.	Teacher
13.	Health center doctor
14.	Clinical Laboratory Diagnostic Doctor
15.	General practitioner (family doctor)
16.	Palliative Care Physician
17.	Physician Receptionist
18.	Emergency doctor
19.	Doctor of station (department) of emergency and emergency medical care
20.	Anaesthesiologist-resuscitator

21.	Bacteriologist
22.	Pediatric Oncologist
23.	Cardiac rheumatologist
24.	Laboratory assistant
25.	Neurologist
26.	Oncologist
27.	ENT specialist
28.	Ophthalmologist
29.	Pediatrician
30.	Local pediatrician
31.	Psychiatrist
32.	Child - Psychiatrist
33.	District Child – Psychiatrist
34.	Teen Psychiatrist
35.	District Teen Psychiatrist
36.	District Psychiatrist
37.	Psychiatrist-narcologist
38.	Doctor-Specialist
39.	Doctor-Statistician
40.	Dentist
41.	General practitioner
42.	Therapist
43.	Orthopedic trauma surgeon
44.	TB doctor
45.	Phthisiatrician
46.	Surgeon
47.	Epizootologist
48.	Gas welder
49.	Hydromeliorator
50.	Chief Project Engineer
51.	Chief Metallurgist
52.	Director of Economics
53.	Livestock specialist
54.	Engineer for Automated Manufacturing Management Systems
55.	Engineer for the introduction of new equipment and technology
56.	Mining engineer
57.	Oil and Gas Production Engineer
58.	Information Security Engineer
59.	Quality engineer
60.	Instrumentation and Automation Engineer
61.	Metrology engineer
62.	Construction Supervision Engineer
63.	Setup and Testing Engineer
64.	Production Management Organization Engineer
65.	Production Preparation Engineer
66.	Welding Engineer
67.	Construction engineer
68.	Design engineer
69.	Process engineer
70.	Electrical Engineer
71.	Correspondent
72.	Drilling master

73.	Mathematician
74.	Nurse
75.	Procedural nurse
76.	District nurse
77.	Medical Laboratory Technician
78.	Machine operator
79.	Drilling, mining mechanic
80.	Steel and reinforced concrete constructor
81.	Installer of electronic equipment and instruments
82.	Installer of sanitary systems and equipment
83.	Installer of ventilation, air conditioning, pneumatic conveying and aspiration systems
84.	Technological pipelines installer
85.	Assembler of technological equipment and related structures
86.	Programmer for machine tools and manipulators
87.	Operating nurse
88.	Teacher
89.	Pharmacist
90.	Editor
91.	X-ray lab assistant
92.	Fish farmer
93.	Collector of electronic products
94.	Hull assembler for metal vessels
95.	Welder of reinforcing nets and frames
96.	Agricultural equipment repairman
97.	Agricultural machinery repairman
98.	Agricultural vehicles repairman
99.	Metalwork assembly fitter
100.	Construction fitter
101.	Aircraft Locksmith
102.	Ship repairman
103.	Mechanical Engineering Specialist
104.	Machine tool woodworking machine tools
105.	The machine tool broad profile
106.	Hull repairman
107.	Drilling technician
108.	Setup and Testing Technician
109.	Cartographer Technician
110.	Technician Technologist
111.	Food and Processing Technologist
112.	Agricultural Technologist
113.	Turner
114.	Carousel Turner
115.	Boring Turner
116.	Combine tractor driver
117.	Tractor driver
118.	Tractor operator
119.	Ship Pipeline operator
120.	Teacher
121.	Pharmacist
122.	Paramedic
123.	Ambulance Paramedic
124.	Paramedic Assistant

125.	Milling machine operator
126.	Grinder
127.	Site Electrician
128.	Cable electrician
129.	Lighting and lighting network electrician
130.	Ship electrician
131.	Electrician repairing overhead power lines
132.	Distribution network electrician
133.	Electric welder on automatic and semi-automatic machines
134.	Construction fitter
135.	Entomologist

The Ministry of Labour and Social Development Order from 25.11.2019, № 734Н **comes into force on the February 29, 2020 r.**

Foreign citizens, who choose this program to apply for the Russian citizenship have to remember that during the period of their work activities in one of the professions from the list, their employer has to pay insurance installments to the Pension Fund.

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Qatar – Agreement on visa-free travel

December 27, 2019 Russian Government has signed an Agreement with the Government of The State Qatar on visa-free travel between the two Countries.

According to the Agreement citizens of the State of Qatar will be able to stay on the territory of Russian Federation **without visas for 90 calendar days out of each 180 days**. Russian citizens will enjoy the same privileges while staying on the territory of the State of Qatar.

Citizens, who wish to perform work activities, study, as well as permanently reside on the territory of the other Country, will have to apply for a visa according to the legislation of the respective Country.

Agreement came into force on the February, 23, 2020

Agreement between the Government of Russian Federation and Government of the State of Qatar on visa-free travel for the citizens of Russian Federation and citizens of the State of Qatar, Moscow, 27.12.2019

We will keep you posted on the developments. Meanwhile, should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,
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