



# ALGORITHM OF ENTRY IN RUSSIA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

## BEFORE ARRIVAL IN RUSSIA

### STEP 1



Contact the Faculty of your study to agree **on the possible date of your arrival in Moscow.**

**ATTENTION:** The academic year at Moscow State University begins on September 1! Even if you are not able to come to Russia by this date, you must start your study process online. Your Faculty will provide you with all the necessary instructions as well as access rights to online learning platforms.

### STEP 2

Check if you need a visa to enter Russia:



If you need one, please, provide your Faculty with the information necessary to issue an invitation as soon as possible. Do not forget to specify the date of the planned arrival in Russia.



Issuing an invitation usually takes about 25-30 calendar days. You will receive an online invitation to your email address.

### STEP 3

Obtain a **study visa** or a letter, confirming the invitation of the Faculty to an in-person educational program – applicable for visa-free countries; and **buy tickets** to come to Moscow.



### STEP 5

**ATTENTION:** If you are under the age of 18 during the period of study and stay in the Russian Federation, you must have a written Consent of your parents (+notarized translation) to independently undergo the following procedures:

- passing a medical examination, fingerprinting and photo registration;
- managing money, including conclusion of contracts for the provision of paid medical services;
- obtaining information about the results of medical examinations;
- conclusion of rental agreements for a place in a student dormitory.

### STEP 4

Apply for a **voluntary medical insurance policy** that will be valid for the entire period of your stay in Russia. Read the information about medical insurance requirements:



Take a **PCR\* test for COVID-19 no less than 48 hours before arriving in Russia.**

### STEP 7

A negative PCR test result for COVID-19 is required to board a plane or train, cross the border of the Russian Federation and check into the MSU dormitory. The result of the PCR test is not required for citizens of the Republic of Belarus entering the Russian Federation.

\* PCR (polymerase chain reaction) is a test method that allows you to detect the presence of a virus in the body. For the analysis, a swab is taken from the nose and throat.

### STEP 6

No later than **7 days before arrival, please, send an email to the international department of your Faculty**, specifying:

- Your full name (in English and Russian – exactly as it is stated in the passport!)
- Date of arrival
- Airport of arrival / Russian border crossing-point
- Flight number and time of arrival
- Attach a scan of your border-crossing document: pages with personal information and visa (if you have)
- The number of the voluntary medical insurance policy and the name of the insurance company
- Your contact number (mobile, WhatsApp)
- Information on where you plan to live:
  - If you plan to stay in a **rented apartment/hostel/with relatives** during your studies, please, provide the address of your place of residence.
  - If you have been allocated a **place in the dormitory**, please, inform the Faculty about the estimated time of your arrival. In a reply email, you will receive a confirmation letter with directions for checking in to the dormitory issued by your Faculty. Before departure, be sure to print out (and save on your phone) a scan of the confirmation letter.

### STEP 8

Before arriving in the Russian Federation, please, fill in the questionnaire for incoming foreign citizens and make sure you have it at the Russian border crossing point.





# AFTER ARRIVAL IN RUSSIA

## STEP 9

To check in the MSU dormitory, you need to provide a **negative result of the PCR test**. This may be a test that you did before entering the Russian Federation in your own country, or a test done in Russia.

There are laboratories at all Moscow airports:

After receiving negative PCR test result for COVID-19, please, send the scan of a medical certificate confirming your negative result to the e-mail of the foreign department of your Faculty.



## STEP 10

Within 24 hours after entering the Russian Federation, please, inform your Faculty about your arrival. Please, provide your contact number in Russia and the address of your place of residence.

**ATTENTION:** A foreign citizen arriving in the Russian Federation is responsible for initial migration **registration at the place of your residence** (i.e., at the address of actual accommodation). If you live in a dormitory of Moscow State University, within **3 (THREE) working days** after entering Russia, please, provide your Faculty with all the information necessary for migration registration. Check out the information on the migration registration requirements:



### WHAT IF I GET SICK?

1. Please, immediately call a doctor as part of voluntary insurance policy or contact the Ambulance at 103 or 112. Detailed information on what to do at the first sign of illness can be found here:

2. Make sure to inform the international department of your Faculty about your condition.



### WHAT IF I CAUGHT COVID-19 INFECTION?

Detailed information about COVID-19 symptoms and prevention is available here:



### WHAT IS A VOLUNTARY INSURANCE POLICY AND HOW CAN I GET IT?

Detailed information about the voluntary insurance policy:



## IN ANY DIFFICULT SITUATIONS BEFORE OR AFTER ARRIVAL, PLEASE, CONTACT US

✓ International department of your Faculty;

✓ MSU hotline for international students entering Russia:

Tel.: + 7 (495) 939 2900 (voice calls)

Tel.: +7 (925) 333 9831 (SMS, WhatsApp)

E-mail: [international@rector.msu.ru](mailto:international@rector.msu.ru)

✓ MSU International Information Center (MSU Main Building, Sector B, room 101).

