

Russian Visa Information

Foreign nationals traveling to the Russian Federation must obtain a visa in person or through an authorized representative prior to departure.

Applicants are responsible for completing visa application form online, and making sure all the documents are in order and meet visa requirements according to our website. Incomplete applications or applications with incorrect or false information cannot be accepted and will be returned. Visa processing starts only after the complete set of documents is submitted.

Validity, type of visa and number of entries will be issued based on your invitation letter from a Russian host.

Applicants are responsible for verifying the visa and checking the spelling of name, date of birth, passport details and dates of travel. We are not responsible for any mistakes in the visas, which were not brought to our attention prior to your departure from Canada.

Please note that processed visas cannot be changed or extended. Applicants must reapply for new visa.

Canadian citizens are strongly recommended to hold a health / travel insurance to cover any medical expenses in Russia.

Russian Visa Application Centre

The Russian Visa Application Centre was created in order to improve services for citizens of Canada and its residents, who are looking to obtain a travel visa to the Russian Federation. Russian Visa Application Center is managed by Invisa Logistic Services Canada Ltd. (ILS Canada), Canadian Company, federally incorporated in strict accordance with relevant laws of Canada. ILS Canada is responsible for receiving visa applications, collecting consular fee including ILS visa processing fee, and returning passports with processed visas back to the applicants. Please visit the following link for more information in regards to the Russian Visa Application Centre:

<http://canada-ils.com/main.php?id=index&lang=en>.

They check your visa application with visa support documents and send them to the Consular Section of the Embassy or to the Consulate General of the Russian Federation according to your jurisdiction. Once your visa is processed, you will be notified that your passport is ready for your collection at the Russian Visa Application Center.

Please note that the Russian Visa Application Center is not involved in the visa assessment process, and the final decision to approve or reject your visa application will be made by the Embassy or Consulate General of the Russian Federation.



Visa Requirements For Tourist Visa

With respect to the Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, starting December 1, 2013 the following tourist visa requirements will apply to spectators visiting competition events.

Visitors, who are planning to attend sport events, opening and closing ceremonies of the Olympics, must submit a standard form of a tourist voucher and confirmation issued by an authorized Russian travel company. Under additional information of confirmation there must be a note «Сочи 2014 - зритель» (Sochi 2014 - spectator).

Along with the confirmation the applicant must submit one of the following documents:

- entrance ticket for sport events (sample);
- or electronic confirmation of a ticket purchased at the Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee, or through an official ticket agency abroad;
- or Spectator Pass – Registration Card (sample)

The rest of the documents required for submission when applying for a tourist visa remain the same.

Visa requirements for tourist visa

Please allow at least 3 business days between the date when your visa application is submitted to the Embassy or the Consulate and the actual date of entry to the Russian Federation.

To obtain a tourist visa please submit the following documents:

1. Original valid passport

At least two pages of the passport should be free of any notes, stamps and visas. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your supposed date of departure from the Russian Federation.

2. One photocopy of ID page of your passport

3. Completed and signed visa application form

Applicants must complete the visa application online at <http://visa.kdmid.ru>. Please make sure you print the form double sided and sign. Any other application forms will not be accepted. The form must be fully completed in accurate way (no corrections on printed form are allowed) and all the questions must be completely filled. Please state clearly your contact phone number and e-mail address. Original signature on the form is required. Please follow European standard day/month/year. Incomplete applications will be returned without processing.

In order to avoid any delays of your visa process, when filling out application online, under "appointment details" please select the appropriate location of Visa Application Center, where you will be applying for your visa according to jurisdiction:

Visa Application Center (Ottawa): residents of Ottawa and environs (area codes 613 and 819), British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Yukon and Northwest Territories

Visa Application Center (Toronto): residents of Ontario (excluding Ottawa), Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan

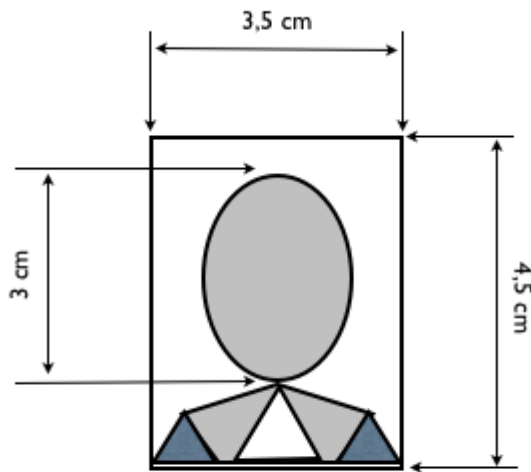
Visa Application Center (Montreal): residents of Québec

In case visa applications require corrections or changes online, applicants have an option of either make the necessary changes themselves and come back with revised printed visa application form or applicants can request assistance with the form at Visa Application Center for a non-refundable fee of 25 CAD.

4. One original photo 35 x 45mm (1 3/8" x 1 3/4")

Your photograph must be taken within the last six months against the white or light background. The photo must show a full front view of the applicant's head and shoulders showing full face centered in the middle of the photograph. Your face must be clear quality and in focus. The face must be sharply focused and evenly illuminated in all areas, rich in contrast and clear. Reflections or shadows on the face as well as red eyes must be avoided. The photo must show the full front view of the head and include the top of the shoulders, with the face in the middle of the photo, non-smiling, open eyes (without sunglasses, a hat/cap or other head covering, unless the applicant wears such items because of their religious belief or ethnic background). The head of the person photographed should be neither at an angle nor turned (portrait style). The person's expression should be neutral with the mouth closed and looking directly into the camera. The eyes must be open and clearly visible and may not be covered by hair or spectacle frames. The photo must be printed on normal photographic paper (camera print) and the frame must be 35mm x 45mm in size. The photo should have the date stamped on the back of the day it was taken. Please do not staple the photo on the application; it must be glued on the form strictly in the reserved space.

Russian visa sample photo:



(Hockey Canada recommends using Black's Photography as they are accustomed to preparing the Russian Visa Photos. Please bring the above specifications with you when you go to have your picture taken)

5. Standard "tourist voucher" and "confirmation" from a Russian hosting travel agency or hotel registered with the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It must be signed by authorized person and carry the official seal of the Russian travel company with its reference number.

(If your hotel or cruise ship has not sent you a tourist visa, you can use the following website to apply for your tourist voucher: www.myrussianvisa.com. Please visit Hockey Canada's website link entitled "tourist voucher" for more details on this process.)

6. Flight Itinerary required, if applying for a tourist double entry visa. Tourist double entry can be issued only if visiting neighbouring countries.

7. Money order, bank draft, certified cheque payable to Invisa Logistic Services Canada Ltd or cash.

Please check the fee under the visa fee and processing time below.

8. Status in Canada

Non-Canadian applicants must provide a clear photocopy of status in Canada (permanent resident card, work permit or study permit).

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accepted and will be returned. Visa processing starts only after the complete set of documents is submitted.

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Any visa applicants may be invited for an interview by Consular officer, if necessary.

Canadian citizens are strongly recommended to hold a health / travel insurance to cover any medical expenses in Russia.

Processing time, requirements and fees are subject to change without notice.

Visa fee and processing time

Consular fee and visa processing fee are collected directly at the Russian Visa Application Center of ILS Canada and must be payable to Invisa Logistic Services Canada Ltd. by money order, bank draft, certified cheque or cash **ONLY**.

Please note we do **NOT** accept credit cards or company / personal cheques. Consular and ILS visa processing fees are non-refundable. ILS fee remains the same regardless of your visa type and processing time.

<i>Visa type</i>	<i>Single entry visa</i>	<i>Double entry visa</i>	<i>Multiple entry visa</i>
<i>Consular fee for regular processing Ottawa: 18 business days Toronto: 12 business days Montreal: 22 business days</i>	<i>\$75 CAD</i>	<i>\$130 CAD</i>	<i>\$225 CAD</i>
<i>Consular fee for rush processing Ottawa: 3 business days Toronto: 5 business days Montreal: 5 business days</i>	<i>\$135 CAD</i>	<i>\$226 CAD</i>	<i>\$405 CAD</i>
<i>ILS visa processing fee</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>
<i>TOTAL (rush/regular)</i>	<i>\$170/110 CAD</i>	<i>\$261/165 CAD</i>	<i>\$440/260 CAD</i>

Consular fees listed above are for Canadian nationals only. For questions regarding visa fee for non-Canadian nationals, please contact us at info-ottawa@canada-ils.com.

In case visa applications require corrections or changes online, applicants have an option of either make the necessary changes themselves and come back with revised printed visa application form, or applicants can request assistance with the form at Visa Application Center for a non-refundable fee of 25 CAD.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS BY REGISTERED MAIL/COURIER:

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<i>ILS mail processing fee</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>	<i>\$35 CAD</i>
<i>Courier shipping fee</i>	<i>\$40 CAD</i>	<i>\$40 CAD</i>	<i>\$40 CAD</i>
<i>Total for rush / regular</i>	<i>\$245 CAD / \$185 CAD</i>	<i>\$336 CAD / \$240 CAD</i>	<i>\$515 CAD / \$335 CAD</i>

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Contact Information:

Russian Visa Application Center in Ottawa

Suite 505, 294 Albert Street, Ottawa, ON K1P 6E6

Tel: 613-670-1125

Fax: 613-670-1126

E-mail: info-ottawa@canada-ils.com

Business hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Russian Visa Application Center in Toronto

Suite 200, 60 St. Clair Ave East, Toronto, ON, M4T 1N5

Tel: 416-479-7386

Fax: 416-479-7388

E-mail: info-toronto@canada-ils.com

Business hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Russian Visa Application Center in Montreal

Suite 718, 1010 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2R7

Tel: 514-218-5380

Fax: 514-218-5381

E-mail: info-montreal@canada-ils.com

Business hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Please follow these steps in completing your VISA application.

Third Party Services**SIAT**

<http://www.siatcs.com/>

SIAT Consular Services is a Canadian company with offices in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver. They specialize in the procurement of the international travel visas required to enter a foreign country and in the legalization/attestation of both personal and business documents. Their experience in this business dates back more than 30 years.

CIBT Visas

<http://cibtvisas.ca/russia-visa.php>

CIBT Visa has the ability to secure both your tourist voucher and Russian Visa for Canadians versus using two different services.