

# PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

## STUDENT VISA

(only for citizens of countries subject to the visa regime with the Russian Federation. More information can be found on the [HSE University International Admissions' website](#))

- After the invitation for receiving a visa appears in the applicant's account, submit an application for a student visa at the Russian consulate or visa centre in your country (single-entry study visa; valid for up to 90 days);
- After getting your visa, check it for any mistakes.

## ARRIVAL

- Plan your arrival in Moscow so that you can attend the orientation session and start studies on time;
- Make sure that your arrival date doesn't come before the start of your visa;
- Familiarize yourself with Russia's migration and customs rules, as well as baggage transport regulations;
- Find out how to get to your place of residence from the airport (or train station): Aeroexpress, metro, or taxi;
- Submit the documents to the Admissions Office on the next working day after your arrival.

## DORMITORIES

- Indicate in the applicant's account if you who require a dorm room;
- Print out the referral to the dormitory;
- Read [Internal Dormitory Regulations](#).

## MEDICAL INSURANCE AND CERTIFICATES

- Obtain a medical insurance policy, which will cover your entire period of stay in Russia, or select an insurance firm in Russia where you can purchase a policy upon arrival;
- Obtain a certificate confirming your overall health with the signature and stamp of your personal doctor;
- Obtain a certificate confirming inoculations issued by a medical institution;
- Obtain an HIV-negative certificate.

## CONTACTS

- Keep the contacts of your programme office and programme manager, as well as the [International Admissions Office](#) and the [International Student Support Centre](#);
- Keep the contacts of the consulate/embassy of your country in Russia.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Documents for admission (visit the website of the [HSE International Admissions](#) to see a list of the necessary documents);
- Originals of documents necessary for your trip (passport, tickets, etc.);
- Cash funds for initial time in Russia (US dollars or Euro).