

## State fees for registration of documents by foreign citizens may change

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia has prepared amendments to Article 333.28 of the Tax Code of Russia, changing the amount of state fees for the issuance of certain documents to foreign citizens

The Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia has prepared <u>a draft law amending Art. 333.28 of the Tax Code of Russia</u>, which establishes the amount of state duties paid by foreign citizens staying on the territory of Russia, and specifies a number of procedures for paying taxes by them in Russia.

The state duty for issuing or extending the period of validity of a visa to a foreign citizen or stateless person residing in Russia, according to this bill, will be:

- single or double entry 1000 rubles;
- multiple 1600 rubles.

The draft law also proposes to introduce new state duties:

- for changing the purpose of stay in Russia of a foreign citizen or stateless person 3,000 rubles;
- for the issuance of a single document proving the identity of a foreign citizen on the territory of Russia, with an electronic storage medium, including in the event of its replacement, to a foreign citizen or stateless person 5,000 rubles (under the age of 14 years 1,000 rubles);
- for granting a foreign citizen or stateless person the right to permanent residence in Russia 5,000 rubles;
- for granting a foreign citizen or stateless person the right to a long-term stay in Russia, including in the event of a change in the basis giving the right to a long-term stay in Russia 1,600 rubles;
- for the issuance of a refugee's travel document containing an electronic data carrier 350 rubles.

The bill proposes to exempt from paying the state fee for the provision of these public services to foreign citizens who have the status of a participant in the State Program to Assist Voluntary Resettlement to Russia of Compatriots Living Abroad.

It is also proposed not to pay the state duty "for obtaining Russian citizenship to a stateless person who does not have a state ready to accept him."

At the current stage, public discussions are being held regarding the text of the draft regulatory legal act and an independent anti-corruption expertise.

The amendments are expected to come into force on January 1, 2024...

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