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F.A.Q.

General questions about academic year 2020-2021 for international students

- ✓ **When does the new academic year start?**
The academic year starts on September 1, 2020. However, each university has the right to shift the beginning of the academic year by no more than two months, taking into account the epidemiological situation in the region.
- ✓ **What is the form of organization of the educational process (hybrid, full-time, remote)?**
Each university independently determines the form of organization of the educational process with the account of the epidemiological situation in the region. Study can take place intramural, intra-extramural, and remotely.
- ✓ **Can international students enter Russia?**
To date, foreign students are prohibited from entering the Russian Federation.
- ✓ **When will the borders be opened for international students?**
The date of opening the border is determined by the Government of the Russian Federation.
- ✓ **Do I need to get a new visa to enter Russia if the validity lines of the current visa have expired?**
If you are abroad, you will need to receive a new invitation to receive a new visa to enter the Russian Federation.
- ✓ **How can I go home if the border is closed?**
You need to wait for the opening of communication with your country or use the existing routes through other countries.
- ✓ **To enter the Russian Federation, will invitations be sent to foreign students if their visas have expired?**
If your visa has expired, then after the ban on entry to the Russian Federation is lifted, you will need to contact your university to receive an invitation.
- ✓ **Can I renew my registration?**
If you are in Russia, then your visa and registration are automatically renewed for another 185 days after its expiration, starting from September 15, 2020.
- ✓ **Is it possible to change the type of visa if the course participants want to continue their studies and cannot leave and return due to the closure of the border?**
Today there is no such possibility.

- ✓ **Can foreign course participants get hired if their visa expired on 1 August?**
If a foreign citizen does not have a study visa, and does not study at a university, then he/she does not have such an opportunity.
- ✓ **Are there employment opportunities for foreign students?**
If a foreign citizen has a study visa, then he/she has the right to find a job.
- ✓ **Is it possible, while living in a dormitory, to move to a rented apartment? If so, who should I contact on this issue?**
You can move to a rented apartment, but you must notify the university about this and register for a new place of stay (in the rented apartment).
- ✓ **Is the University responsible for foreign students who cannot return to their homeland and whose visas expired on August 31 of this year?**
Yes, as long as they live in the dormitory.
- ✓ **If foreign students are forced to stay in Kazakhstan for known reasons and study remotely, will the tuition fees be recalculated? As it is known, this form of training and this quality of educational services are much cheaper.**
Tuition fees will not be recalculated.
- ✓ **Foreign graduates are evicted from dormitories after September 1, since outsiders cannot live in student dormitories when there is a queue for settlement. What to do in this case if there is no financial support from the Motherland?**
Universities do not have the right to evict foreign students who are unable to return to their homeland from the dormitory.
- ✓ **Is it necessary after the opening of the borders to go through quarantine upon arrival in Russia, having on hand the results for the presence of COVID-19 antibodies?**
Any foreign citizen who comes to Russia is obliged to undergo a two-week quarantine according to the requirements of Rospotrebnadzor, regardless of whether he/she has antibodies, a certificate, or has already had a coronavirus.
- ✓ **Are quarantine measures mandatory for representatives of the LPR and DPR, if there is a certificate of the absence of coronavirus infection?**
Quarantine measures are mandatory if they do not have Russian passports.
- ✓ **Is it possible to extend or issue new foreign passports to foreign students in the Russian Federation?**
Matters of new passports issuance or their renewal belong to the prerogatives of each state, their consular and diplomatic institutions.
- ✓ **Have the requirements for the insurance policy changed?**
Not at the moment.
- ✓ **Does the insurance of international students cover testing and treatment for coronavirus?**
Treatment for coronavirus refers to emergency care (hospitalization).
Such treatment does not require reimbursement.