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Simplification of Migration Regulations for Foreign Citizens

On 18 April 2020 Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 274 “On Temporary Measures for Regulation of the Legal Status of Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation in Connection with the Threat of Further Spread of New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection”, which temporarily cancels a number of provisions of the Russian migration legislation, was issued. The text of the Decree can be found under this [link](#).

In particular, **from 15 March to 15 June**:

- the periods of temporary stay, temporary or permanent residence, the deadlines for registration at the place of residence shall be suspended if the said periods or deadlines expire within the specified dates. Thus, if a temporary residence permit expires e.g. on 10 May, the foreign citizen will be able to apply for an extension thereof after 15 June;
- all migration documents shall be prolonged automatically, including visas, temporary residence permits, residence permits, migration cards, work permits, patents, permits to engage and use foreign workers;
- the employer’s right to employ foreign citizens without work permits (for visa countries provided that the employer holds a permit to engage and use foreign workers) or without patents (for non-visa countries) has been established;
- no decisions shall be made concerning cancellation of visas, work permits, patents, temporary residence permits, residence permits as well as on expulsion and deportation of foreign citizens from the Russian Federation.

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