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of foreign talent to Russia



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01 Who launched the program?

The program stems from Russian Presidential Decree No. 883 of 2 December 2025, signed by Vladimir Putin. It aims to support the relocation to Russia of foreign citizens and stateless persons recognized as being of interest to the Russian Federation.

The program is presented on the official Time to Live in Russia portal, associated with the Agency for Strategic Initiatives (ASI). Applications have been accepted since 15 April 2026.

02 Why was the program created?

The aim is to attract foreign talent and professionals who can contribute to Russia's development and to make it easier for them to settle in the country long term.

The program is intended in particular for people with sought-after skills, notable achievements, or professional experience aligned with Russia's priorities.

It also targets people who wish to settle permanently in Russia and share the traditional spiritual and moral values emphasized by the program.

Beyond recognizing candidates' skills, the program provides support with relocation, adjustment, employment, and integration into Russian society.

03 Who can apply?

The program covers several candidate categories, each with its own criteria.

01 SCIENCE

Recognized degrees, patents, awards, and achievements.

02 ENTREPRENEURS

Business creation or growth, subject to the applicable criteria.

03 IN-DEMAND SPECIALISTS

Qualifications in priority occupations and sectors.

04 CREATIVE & CULTURAL

Artists, creators, and other eligible profiles.

05 ATHLETES

Sports results or awards that meet the criteria.

06 STUDENTS & GRADUATES

Outstanding academic results or distinctions.

07 INVESTORS & DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS

Profiles covered by specific eligibility provisions.

Eligibility is not based solely on a desire to move. Applicants must fit one of the program's categories and provide supporting documents to show that they meet the criteria.

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What are the benefits?

Simplified routes to residence

After official recognition, candidates may apply for a temporary residence permit (TRP; Russian: ВВП) outside the usual quota, with the exam exemptions provided for by the decree. Under certain conditions, they may also apply directly for a permanent residence permit (PRP; Russian: БЖК) without first obtaining a TRP. Requirements for each route should be checked.

Facilitated entry procedures

Recognition may allow candidates to apply for a multiple-entry business visa valid for up to one year, subject to the applicable procedure. Eligible family members may also benefit from specific provisions.

Relocation support

Successful candidates are assigned a personal manager to guide them through the next steps: visa applications, entry procedures, housing searches, and practical questions of daily life.

Building a long-term future

The program aims to facilitate long-term relocation to Russia. It does not guarantee acceptance, automatic issuance of a residence permit, or general authorization to work.

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How do you apply?

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STEP 1 — CHECK YOUR PROFILE

Identify the category that fits your background and review the official criteria.

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STEP 2 — PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Complete the application, write a short biography or CV, and gather supporting documents: degrees, certificates, publications, awards, or evidence of achievements.

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STEP 3 — SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Send your application to the program operator as instructed on the official portal.

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STEP 4 — ATTEND AN ONLINE INTERVIEW

Present your background, skills, and achievements in an interview with the operator.

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STEP 5 — WAIT FOR A DECISION

The maximum review period stated is 125 days. If refused, applicants may submit a new application no sooner than one year later, according to the program guidance.

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STEP 6 — PLAN YOUR RELOCATION

If accepted, candidates are guided through the next immigration steps and practical arrangements. Residence procedures remain separate from the recognition decision.

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Take the next step

Considering a move to Russia?

Contact Meet Russia to find out whether your profile may fit the Talent 883 program and discuss the next steps.

[Contact us here → tally.so/r/A7oQz0](https://tally.so/r/A7oQz0)

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