

# Russian entry visas for participants in the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students

Visa regulations have been relaxed for participants in the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students in Russia. The festival's events will take place in two cities, Moscow and Sochi. Around 10,000 foreign nationals from 150 countries are expected to participate.

## **Reference**

This background was provided by the Ministry of Education and Science pursuant to the December 16, 2015 Presidential Executive Order No. 626 On Entry To and Exit From the Russian Federation of Foreign Nationals and Stateless Persons Attending International Sport, Cultural, Scientific and Business Mass Events.

Russia will host the 19<sup>th</sup> World Festival of Youth and Students (hereinafter the "festival") on October 14–22, 2017. The festival will take place in Moscow and Sochi.

Around 10,000 foreign nationals from 150 countries will participate in the festival's events. Six thousand participants will require entry visas.

The President has signed an order introducing relaxed entry rules for the participants of the 19<sup>th</sup> World Festival of Youth and Students. The Russian Foreign Ministry was instructed to ensure the issuance of the visas requested by the festival's Organising Committee and festival guests as well as media representatives.

Festival participants, organisers and media representatives will have special priority at Russian customs control. Goods temporarily imported for festival-related purposes will not be subject to customs duties.