

Pre-departure Checklist

STEPS TO TAKE BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR COUNTRY

- Apply for and receive a student visa at a Russian consulate or visa center in your home country (single-entry visa; 90 days duration)
- Enroll for a health insurance plan valid in Russia or decide which [medical insurance](#) to apply for in Russia
- Get a medical certificate ([download the form](#)) signed and stamped by your physician in order to check into the dormitory
- Check with your HSE programme manager whether you need dormitory accommodation and [buddy support](#)
- Get contacted by your buddy
- Check directions to the [HSE dormitory](#) or any other place of accommodation
- Plan to arrive in Moscow in time for the [Orientation session](#) and the start of the semester
- Check that the date of your departure does not precede the start date of your visa
- Check [Russian customs regulations](#) and your airline luggage regulations
- Check how to get to the city from the airport ([Aeroexpress](#) trains, taxi)
- Get acquainted with the [Dormitory Internal Rules](#) and [Tenancy Agreement](#)
- Check with your bank the maximum cash amount you can withdraw in Russia
- Join our [Facebook Group](#)
- Check the [Life in Moscow](#) website for useful tips

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU

- Valid passport with visa
- Medical insurance +HSE health certificate signed and stamped by a physician (to check into the dormitory)

- Photocopies to have in your carry-on luggage: **passport ID** page, passport **visa** page, **letter of referral** from the Ministry of Education and Science (if applicable), **study contract** (if applicable)
- HSE acceptance letter
- *Ful-degree students only*: legalized original diploma and transcript (Master programme students), **letter of referral** from the Ministry of Education and Science (quota scheme students), **study contract** (fee-paying degree students), all the **translated documents** you will be expected to submit at HSE
- 4 passport-size (3cm x 4cm) photos on a mat paper
- Contacts of your buddy
- Contacts of your programme manager
- Contact details for your embassy/consulate/diplomatic mission in Russia
- Copies of all the documents to put into your carry-on luggage