



# Pre-Departure Checklist



## Steps to take before leaving your country:

- ☐ After the visa invitation appears in your personal account, you may [apply for a student visa](#) at a Russian consulate or visa centre in your home country (single-entry visa, 90-day duration);  
\* *applicable only to nationals of the countries which require a visa to enter Russia;*
- ☐ Check if there are any mistakes on the visa and if all the information is correct;
- ☐ Sign up for a health insurance plan valid in Russia or decide on the [medical insurance company](#) to buy medical insurance from when in Russia;
- ☐ Indicate in your application whether you need [dormitory accommodation](#);
- ☐ Get a health certificate signed and stamped by your physician and a vaccination certificate issued by a medical organization in a free format (required for a dormitory check-in);
- ☐ Get acquainted with the [Internal Dormitory Regulations](#) and Dormitory Tenancy Agreement;
- ☐ Check the [Life in Moscow](#) webpage for some useful tips about student life at HSE University;
- ☐ Check these [web-resources](#) with valuable insights about life in Moscow and the peculiarities of life in Russia;
- ☐ Join our Facebook page: [HSE International Students](#);
- ☐ Plan to arrive in Moscow in time for the [orientation session](#) and the start of semester;
- ☐ Check that the date of your arrival does not precede the start date of your visa;
- ☐ Check [Russian customs regulations](#) and your airline's luggage regulations;
- ☐ Check with your bank the maximum cash amount you can withdraw in Russia;
- ☐ Check how to get to the HSE University's Dormitory or the location of your accommodation from the airport/terminal station: by [Aeroexpress trains](#), [metro](#), taxi. (!) We strongly recommend that you only use official taxi services ([Yandex](#), [Citymobil](#) etc.);
- ☐ Check the location of your faculty and other [HSE University buildings](#);
- ☐ Save the contacts of your Programme Office and your programme manager: [International Admissions Office](#) and [International Student Support Centre](#);
- ☐ Save the contacts of your Embassy/Consulate in Russia.



## What to take with you:

- ☐ Original high school/degree certificate/diploma (with the transcript) + its copy + a notarized translation of your high school/degree certificate/diploma into Russian (if applicable);
- ☐ An HSE University Acceptance Letter or any other document provided to you by HSE University confirming your status as a student;
- ☐ Your passport with visa;
- ☐ A health insurance policy, the original of your health certificate (signed and stamped by your physician), a vaccination certificate or a copy of the certificate of preventive vaccinations and negative HIV test results;
- ☐ Your voluntary health insurance policy (if available);
- ☐ 4 passport-size (3x4cm) colour photos on a matte paper;
- ☐ Photocopies to have in your carry-on luggage: passport ID page, passport visa page;
- ☐ Cash to use during your first few days in Russia;
- ☐ Warm clothes and boots.