

BRIEFING: LATEST RESTRICTIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF MOSCOW

This briefing is dated 13 April, 2020 and is intended to provide guidance as to the latest regulatory changes of passed by the Moscow authorities in connection with the COVID-2019 pandemic. In particular, we outline the newly established digital pass system imposed in Moscow and the Moscow region, and its peculiarities.

1. WHAT IS A DIGITAL PASS?

The pass is a special code consisting of numbers and letters. It contains a validity period, owner ID, and the reason for the trip. The pass also contains a QR code, which ensures its quick verification by officials.

2. DOES THIS SYSTEM APPLY TO ME?

Yes, if you travel by any kind of transport. People who walk do not yet need passes. An exception is made for:

- servicemen;
- law enforcement officers and government officials;
- judges;
- attorneys, notaries and their assistants;
- security guards; and
- reporters,

so that if you have an official certificate or other confirmation for one of the statuses above, which is issued by the relevant authorities, then you do not need to obtain a digital pass. You will, however, need a pass for any companion over the age of 14.

3. WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO GET A PASS, AND WHEN WILL IT BE MANDATORY TO HAVE ONE?

Issuance of passes will begin on 13 April, 2020 (i.e. today) and will last until April 30, assuming there is no extension **It will be mandatory to have a pass from 15 April, 2020.**

4. IS IT NECESSARY TO CONFIRM THE REASON FOR TRAVEL WHEN APPLYING FOR A PASS?

No, the system is meant to be declarative, although the government reserves the right to check the accuracy of the information provided. The list of good reasons for traveling is open-ended.

5. HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A PASS?

You can order a pass either using the mos.ru portal (for Moscow) or uslugi.mosreg.ru portal (for residents of the Moscow region) by choosing the digital pass service and filling out a simple questionnaire. After that, a digital code will be displayed on the screen, which you need to record,

print, photograph or screenshot. If you indicate an email address in the questionnaire, a pass will also be sent to that email.

If you are unable to use the above options, you may also apply for a pass by following the below instructions:

For Muscovites: send an SMS to the short number 7377 or call +7 (495) 777-77-77.

For residents of the Moscow Region: call the hotline 8-800-550-50-30 or send an SMS to 0250 short number.

Please note that to obtain a pass, you will have to provide the following data to the officials:

- personal data;
- state registration number of your car or the number of your “Troika” or “Arrow” cards (if applicable) depending on the preferred way of travel;
- employer’s Tax Identification Number (INN) if you need to get to work;
- contact phone number; and
- e-mail (optional).

6. HOW OFTEN CAN I APPLY FOR AN ELECTRONIC PASS?

It depends on the reason for your travel. There are several types of passes, which could be described as follows:

Work permit

That is the case if your employer continues working and requires your presence at the workplace. This type of pass is issued up to April 30 and has no limit on the number of trips to and from work.

Pass for a trip to a medical institution

This type of pass is valid for one day when you can travel to a specific medical institution. You can apply for this type of pass as many times a week as necessary.

Pass for trips for personal purposes

This type of pass covers personal trips e.g. to the store, country house, etc.. It is issued for one day and includes a trip to the destination and back. **This will only be issued twice a week.**

7. IS IT POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO THE MOSCOW REGION AND VICE VERSA?

Yes, the system of electronic passes is interregional. Muscovites will be able to travel to Moscow region with a Moscow pass. To travel to Moscow from another region (including Moscow region), you must request a Moscow pass.

8. HOW TO USE THE PASS?

It is necessary to present a passport (or other identity card approved by law) and a digital pass in the form of a printout or on the smartphone screen at the request of controlling officials. The verification will be carried out on-site, immediately – with the help of a special programme.

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