

Regulations
for a Competitive Selection of Foreign Citizens, Stateless Persons and Compatriots
Residing Abroad Applying for Admissions to Study on the Government-Funded Places
within the Reference of the Quota Specified by Decree No 2150 of the Government of the
Russian Federation Dated 18 December 2020 at St Petersburg University in 2024

1. General Provisions

1.1. In compliance with Decree No 2150 ‘On Establishing an Education Quota for Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation’ of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 18 December 2020; the Procedures for Admission Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons to Education within the Framework of the Quota to Educate Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation approved by Order No 1378 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation dated 3 November 2020; Letter No MH-5/200159 of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation dated 12 September 2023, St Petersburg University conducts a competitive selection of foreign citizens, stateless persons and compatriots residing abroad applying for admissions to government-funded places allocated to St Petersburg University in 2024 within the framework of the quota specified by Decree No 2150 ‘On Establishing an Education Quota for Foreign Citizens and Stateless Persons in the Russian Federation’ of the Government of the Russian Federation dated 18 December 2020.

1.2. Based on the results of the competitive selection among them, foreign citizens, stateless persons and compatriots residing abroad are recommended for the admissions to the first year studies at St Petersburg University on government-funded places in full-time bachelor’s degree programmes, specialist’s degree programmes, master’s degree programmes and doctoral programmes – programmes for training research and teaching staff in aspirantura.

2. Acceptance of Documents

2.1. Documents for the competitive selection from foreign citizens, stateless persons and compatriots residing abroad (hereinafter referred to as the applicants, the competitive selection), shall be accepted in the period from **15 November 2023 to 23 February 2024** unless these Regulations establish other dates for particular programmes. The listing of educational programmes, which are competed for, and Admission Tests contents shall be made available on the St Petersburg University website at least before **1 November 2023**. The particulars of the competitive selection to educational programmes mentioned in Section 4 hereof are outlined in respective sections. The admission of international applicants under the relevant agreements signed between St Petersburg University and governmental agencies of foreign states to the competitive selection is organised based on statements (recommendations, references) of the respective governmental agencies of foreign states.

2.2. In order to enter the competitive selection, the applicants should submit the following documents:

2.2.1. a personal application in the name of the Rector of St Petersburg University (to be filled in through the applicant’s Personal Account on the web page of the Admissions

Committee of the St Petersburg University website – abiturient.spbu.ru); the applicant may indicate no more than three (3) different degree programmes in their application;

2.2.2. a questionnaire - application of the standard form filled in block letters and provided with a colour photo;

2.2.3. a copy of the applicant's identity document, which is equally recognised in the Russian Federation;

2.2.4. a document issued by a medical institution in the country of the applicant's residence confirming the absence of medical contraindications against studying in the Russian Federation as well as the absence of all types of hepatitis and tuberculosis;

2.2.5. a document issued by a medical institution in the country of the applicant's residence confirming the absence of HIV/AIDS;

2.2.6. certificates confirming the undertaking of preliminary medical examinations (when entering a competitive selection to specialist's degree programme 31.05.01 'General Medicine' or 31.05.03 'Dental Medicine', 33.05.01 'Pharmacy', and the field of study 34.03.01 'Nursery');

2.2.7. an original or a copy of the education credential and supplements thereto (if the latter is provided for by the legislation of the country having issued the said education credentials) containing the list of subjects studied and grades (points) obtained¹; one of the following documents must be submitted:

2.2.7.1. when entering the competitive selection for admissions to bachelor's degree or specialist's degree programme:

2.2.7.1.1. a standard secondary general education or secondary vocational education credential as provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.2.7.1.2. an education credential issued in the foreign country and recognised in the Russian Federation as a state-recognised document of secondary general education or secondary vocational education;

2.2.7.1.3. a statement from the educational organisation implementing educational programmes of secondary general education or secondary vocational education or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of their submitting the application for the competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme they are studying, the expected completion training date, presence or absence of final assessment and its forms, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during the recent three (3) semesters of study.

2.2.7.2. when entering the competitive selection for admissions to master's degree programme:

2.2.7.2.1. a standard bachelor's degree or specialist's degree diploma confirming that a degree has been conferred on the given person in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.2.7.2.2. an education credential of bachelor's or specialist's degree issued in the foreign country and recognised in the Russian Federation as the confirmation of conferring a degree on the owner;

¹ Applicants arriving to study should present their original education credentials and supplements thereto (if the latter is provided for by the laws of the country issuing the said certificates of education) legalised in compliance with the established procedure

2.2.7.2.3. a statement from the educational organisation implementing bachelor's degree programmes or their equivalents, where the applicant is studying at the moment of their submitting the application for the competition. This statement shall contain information of the level of the educational programme the applicant is studying, expected completion training date, presence or absence of final assessment and its form, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during all completed semesters of study;

2.2.7.3. when entering the competitive selection for admissions to doctoral programmes - programmes for training research and academic staff in aspirantura:

2.2.7.3.1. a standard master's degree or specialist's degree diploma in compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

2.2.7.3.2. a non-Russian education or qualification credentials recognised in the Russian Federation as a master's or a specialist degree diploma;

2.2.7.3.3. a statement from the educational organisation implementing master's or specialist's degree programmes or their equivalent where the applicant is studying at the moment of their submitting the application for the competition. This level shall contain the information of the level of the educational programme the applicant is studying, expected completion training date, presence or absence of final assessment and its form, academic performance according to the results of the previous interim assessment with grades for subjects (disciplines) obtained during all completed semesters of study;

2.2.8. the applicant's consent for processing, transfer, and storage of the personal data drawn in the form of a separate standard document in Russian and/or English signed with own handwritten signature;

2.2.9. a motivation letter in Russian (or in the language in which the programme is taught) containing a well-reasoned description of why the applicant became interested in the chosen educational programme and is willing to study it. For applicants to master's degree programmes it also must contain information on their professional training and professional experience;

2.2.10. documents confirming the level of proficiency in the language in which the educational programme is taught and documents with the information about the applicant's academic training;

2.2.11. a photograph of the applicant with image resolution at least 600 pixels in width and 800 pixels in height taken during the current calendar year.

2.3. Requirements to the content and structure of the competitive selection papers, as well as to their assessment criteria and the assessment criteria for documents confirming the proficiency in the language in which the educational programme is taught, academic credentials and additional documents considered in the framework of the competitive selection of documents (portfolio) are set by the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee and shall be made known to the applicants not later than the date when acceptance of the documents for competition starts by means of their publication on the official website of St Petersburg University on the Admissions Committee web page (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>).

2.4. The applicant shall be excluded from the admissions competitive selection if they have:

2.4.1. Failed to meet requirements for entering the competitive selection including entering the competition for repeated training in the given degree (the applicant possesses the degree credential of the respective level or information confirming their completion of studies in the respective level of education in 2024);

2.4.2. Failed to provide the complete set of application documents specified in sub-clauses 2.2.1. - 2.2.8. herein;

2.4.3. Provided false information, including information relevant to the fact that the applicant has had the citizenship of the Russian Federation and/or registered in the territory of the Russian Federation.

2.5. The documents specified in Clauses 2.2. hereof shall be submitted in legible copies in Russian or translated into Russian (translations into Russian have to be notarised by either a notary or the authorised institutions or under the international treaties of the Russian Federation in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation).

2.6. Documents for entering the competitive selection shall be submitted in electronic format through St Petersburg University official website using the applicant's Personal Account.

2.7. Should the documents specified in clause 2.2. herein be submitted electronically, they shall be provided as scanned copies attached to the registration form through the applicant's Personal Account. The aforesaid copies of the specified documents must be colour or grey-scale scanned images with a pixel density of 200 or 300 pixels per inch. It is not allowed to provide illegible scanned images of the documents, as well as images that lack significant sections of the document (texts, signatures, seals or stamps, etc.). The applicant must submit scans of those pages of their identity documents that carry the applicant's photograph, family name, first name, middle name (patronymic), gender, date and place of birth, nationality (citizenship), relevant document series and number, information about the issuing governmental agency, and the applicant's place of registration. The applicant's photograph shall be submitted in the same manner by attaching the file with the image to the registration form submitted via the applicant's Personal Account. Pages of each document shall be bound together and uploaded as a single document file with a correct title reflecting the content of the file. Applicants must not upload a multi-page document as several separate incorrectly titled files.

2.8. Upon their arrival for studying at St Petersburg University, the applicants with a reference from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation shall submit the original credentials of education and qualification.

3. Procedures for Competitive Selection of Applicants and Their Enrolment

3.1. The competitive selection of applicants is conducted in accordance with the provisions set forth hereby.

3.2. The decision on whether or not to recommend an applicant for enrolment to study is made by the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee.

3.3. The St Petersburg University Admissions Committee considers each applicant that has entered the competition and decides on whether or not to recommend them for the enrolment.

3.4. Based on the recommendation of the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee, the applicant's personal record is sent to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation for a decision to be made concerning the applicant's enrolment at St Petersburg University.

3.5. The deadlines for considering the applicant's personal records and decision-making concerning the issuing a reference to study are determined by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

3.6. The St Petersburg University Admissions Committee announces the results of the competitive selection by publishing the list of applicants admitted to participate in the competitive selection on the official website of St Petersburg University with the separate list of applicants recommended for the enrolment.

3.7. Lists of the applicants admitted to the competitive selection, and who have been recommended by the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee for the enrolment shall be published on the web page of the Admissions Committee (<http://www.abiturient.spbu.ru>) on the official website of St Petersburg University before **15 March 2024**.

3.8. Each applicant recommended for the enrolment should send either a letter to confirm their interest in being enrolled at St Petersburg University (Appendix 1) or a letter to disclaim their intention of being enrolled (Appendix 2) to admission@spbu.ru at least **before 22 March 2024**.

3.9. The enrolment of the applicants recommended for the enrolment to studying at St Petersburg University by the St Petersburg University Admissions Committee is carried out based on the references issued by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation within the deadlines determined by the said governmental body under the conditions outlined in these references.

3.10. Enrolment of those individuals who possess either education or qualification credentials confirming their education of the given level shall not be allowed.

4. Particulars of the competitive selection for the enrolment to studying in the master's degree programme 'Professional Speech Activity in Mass Media' in the main field of study 42.04.02 'Journalism'

The particulars of the competitive selection for the enrolment to the master's degree programme 'Professional Speech Activity in Mass Media' implemented within the double diploma model are provided for by the agreement № 01/1-70-51 between St Petersburg University and the Beijing International Studies University dated 21 March 2023 and additional agreements thereto.

Foreign citizens entering the competitive selection for the enrolment to this degree programme should provide a recommendation letter from the partner university confirming that the applicants have been nominated for the enrolment to this degree programme.

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to the Regulations for the Competitive Selection
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and Compatriots Residing Abroad
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at St Petersburg University on the Places
within the Quota, Specified by
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of the Russian Federation
of 18 December 2020,
approved by Rector's Order
No _____ dd. _____

To: Mr Nikolay Kropachev, Rector of St Petersburg University

From: _____
Family name First name Middle name (patronymic)

Application

I, _____,
hereby confirm my intention to study based on the results of the competitive selection among
foreign citizens, stateless persons, and compatriots residing abroad at St Petersburg University
on government-funded places in 2024.

The main field of study/speciality _____
(title of the main field of study/speciality)

Degree programme _____
(programme title)

_____ _____ _____
date signature full name

Annex 2
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No _____ dd. _____

To: Mr Nikolay Kropachev, Rector of St Petersburg University

From: _____
Family name First name Middle name (patronymic)

Application

I, _____,
being recommended for the enrolment to studying on government-funded places at St Petersburg University in 2024 based on the results of the competitive selection among foreign citizens, stateless persons and compatriots residing abroad, hereby disclaim my intention of being a student of St Petersburg University.

_____ date

_____ signature

_____ full name

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