



## Topic: Biometric Passport Requirement for Russian Citizens Traveling to Schengen Countries

Dear Team,

Citizens of the Russian Federation are required to hold a biometric (chip-enabled) passport when traveling to the Schengen countries listed below. The applicable regulations and exemptions for each country are outlined for your reference:

### Country-Specific Applications

#### Denmark – Estonia – Lithuania – Romania

- All passengers must hold a biometric passport.
- There are no exemptions for holders of ordinary passports.
- Holders of Diplomatic and Service passports are exempt.

#### Czechia

- Passengers aged 15 and above must hold a biometric passport.
- Passengers with a valid visa issued by the Czechia or those holding Czech residence permits are exempt.
- Holders of Diplomatic and Service passports are exempt.

#### France

- Passengers aged 15 and above must hold a biometric passport.
- Non-biometric ordinary passports with visas will be accepted if the visa was issued before June 1, 2025, or if presented together with a biometric passport.
- Holders of Diplomatic and Service passports are exempt from this requirement.

#### Germany

- This rule does not apply to passengers holding a valid residence permit issued by Germany before 1 January 2026.



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- Holders of Diplomatic and Service passports are exempt from this requirement.

We kindly request your careful attention to these requirements in order to prevent any issues that may arise. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

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