

We would like to inform you that at the very end of last year a new Federal Law №274-FZ has been introduced by which all foreign citizens who arrive in the Russian Federation for a period exceeding 90 days, including foreign students, are required to undergo a photo and fingerprints registration and a medical checkup for the Ministry of Internal Affairs within 90 calendar days from the date of entry into the Russian Federation. Students can do all procedures in one place (at the Multifunctional Document Centre in the centre of Saint Petersburg) or undergo the medical checkup at one of the accredited medical organizations in Saint Petersburg and then go to the Multifunctional Document Centre for the registration. The medical checkup includes tests for infection diseases, including HIV, tuberculosis and COVID-19, as well as a drug test.

We decided to remove medical documents from the application form for exchange programmes, so please, note that medical documents are no longer required at the time of the application by SPbU. The lung x-ray is still required for those who stay in the dormitory, but we suggest the students do the x-ray in Saint Petersburg after arrival so that they don't come across problems with the foreign certificates acceptance while undergoing the checkup in Russia.

The procedure is very new and some details are still being developed. We expect further information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including information about the required frequency of the checkup, after March 1st. Please rest assured that our intention is to provide the students with the thorough information support on the matter, as well as organizational support to the available to SPbU extent. Relevant instructions will be regularly updated and shared with the nominated students timely.