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#### **ABOUT THE GUIDEBOOK**

Migration has a significant impact on the social and economic development of the country, its security and stability. Today Georgia is a country of origin, destination and transit for migrants. Therefore, one of the priorities of Georgian state is to confine migratory processes to a legal framework and develop relevant policies and institutions. Raising public awareness on the opportunities of legal migration and on the risks and threats associated with illegal migration is a key to expanding and supporting legal migration opportunities created by the growing integration with the European Union.

Over the past few years, much has been done with support of the European Union to raise migrants' awareness. The activities implemented in the framework of the Migration Strategy for 2013-2015 are noteworthy to this end, as well as the new Migration Strategy for 2016-2020 that includes the chapter on public awareness comprising a wide range of the most versatile and complex objectives. These tasks are being implemented by the state agencies – members of the State Commission on Migration Issues, and the international and non-governmental organizations.

In 2015, the SCMI Secretariat developed a Guidebook on Legal Immigration aimed at providing actual and potential migrants with useful practical information. Since its publishing on the websites of the involved state, international and local non-governmental organizations the Guidebook has soon become one of the principal information resources for migrants and other persons interested in the field.

This publication is a second (revised) edition of the Guidebook, where the reader can find the key facts about Georgia and other useful material including the information on the legal status and required documents as well as the contact details of the Georgian state entities providing public services and of foreign diplomatic representations in Georgia.

We believe that the guidebook will become a useful tool for immigrants and other interested persons to learn about the norms regulating legal immigration and the services available. Finally, we hope that informing immigrants on their rights and responsibilities will have a positive effect on the dynamics of legal immigration in Georgia.

#### **USEFUL INFORMATION FOR FOREIGNERS**

#### Key facts about Georgia

Georgia: Key Facts <sup>1</sup>				
Area	69,700 sq. km			
Land borders	1,839 km			
	Armenia (224 km)			
Pordering countries	Azerbaijan (446 km)			
Bordering countries	Turkey (275 km)			
	Russia (894 km)			
Coastline	315 km			
Population	3,720,400 (as of Jan 1, 2016)			
	Georgian 86.8%			
	Azerbaijani 6.3%			
Ethnic composition (2002 census data)	Armenian 4.5%			
	Russian 0.7%			
	Other 1.7%			
Capital	Tbilisi			
Population of the capital	1,113,000 (as of Jan 1, 2016)			
State languages	Georgian, Abkhaz (in the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia)			
Urban population 57.2% (as of Jan 1, 2016)				

Georgia ("Sakartvelo", "საქართველო") is a transcontinental country situated at the crossroad connecting Eastern Europe with Western Asia. Given its strategically important location, Georgia often found itself in the centre of dramatic historic developments in the region. As a result, the history of Georgia is rich with facts about numerous battles, victories, and survival. Georgia is one of the oldest states in the region. It became an especially important strategic actor in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries during the reigns of King David the Builder and Queen Tamar who succeeded in uniting Georgia and transforming it into a powerful state. In the following centuries, however, the wars against invasions of Mongols, and later against Persian and Ottoman Empires extremely weakened the Georgian state, and at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the country was fully

annexed by the Russian Empire. In 1918, Georgia succeeded in regaining independence for a short period of time, but in 1921 it was again occupied by the Bolshevik Russia and became a part of the USSR. Having regained its independence after the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991, Georgia, like many post-Soviet republics, had to confront economic hardship and severe civil conflicts that led to *de-facto* separation of Georgia's two regions – Abkhazia and Tskhinvali region (the so-called South Ossetia). The latest blow sustained by the country was the 2008 war with Russian Federation, which ended up with the occupation of the two separatist regions by the Russian army.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: National Statistics Office of Georgia <u>www.geostat.ge;</u> Government of Georgia <u>www.government.gov.ge.</u>

#### Political system and government

Georgia is a democratic republic. The head of state and the commander-in-chief is the President of Georgia who is elected by general elections for five years. The government of Georgia led by the Prime Minister is in charge of the executive branch and oversees domestic and foreign affairs of the country. Parliament of Georgia is the legislative branch; it is a supreme representative body elected for four years. Independent courts represent the third, judicial branch of the government. Authority and responsibilities of local self-governance bodies have expanded significantly as a result of the recent self-governance reform package.

#### **Economy and taxes**

The key goal of the economic policy of the Georgian government is to enhance the welfare of the population through sustainable and inclusive economic growth; to create the environment, where each resident benefits from the economic development of the country, and where all residents have an opportunity to get engaged in the economic processes. The economic policy of the Georgian government is based upon the principles and values of free market.

According to the National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat), Georgia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) exceeded USD 14.3 billion in 2016, whilst GDP per capita comprised USD 3,852. Over the past decade Georgian economy has experienced a stable growth, and the subsequent growth is projected in the following years. An upward trend has also been observed in the external trade turnover, facilitated by the liberal trade policy and the preferential foreign trade regimes granted to the country.

On 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Georgia signed the Association Agreement with the European Union, which includes the agreement on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA). The DCFTA has already been ratified by the Parliament of Georgia and came into force in September 2014. In addition, Georgia is the first country in the region, which have concluded the free trade agreement with China.

Key economic reforms were and are being implemented to contribute to a business-friendly and favourable investment environment, the positive effects of which are widely recognized in international surveys and indices. According to the Doing Business 2017 ranking, Georgia has raised up by 7 positions and moved from the 23<sup>rd</sup> place to 16<sup>th</sup>. For the last year only, Georgia has been included to the list of top 10 countries carrying out complex reforms. It is among the first 10 out of 190 world countries according to the 5 improved indicators: property registration (3<sup>rd</sup> place), bank loans (7<sup>th</sup> place), protection of rights of minority investors (7<sup>th</sup> place), starting business (8<sup>th</sup> place) and construction permit

(8<sup>th</sup> place). Additional information on the rules and requirements of registering and starting a business in Georgia is available on the websites of the National Agency of Public Registry (<u>www.napr.gov.ge</u>), the Public Service Hall (<u>www.psh.gov.ge</u>), and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia (<u>www.economy.ge</u>).

According to the 2016 report of the Fraser Institute (an independent top-ranked think tank), Georgia has made an unprecedented success in terms of creating economic freedom in the country; in result it moved from 11<sup>th</sup> position to the 5<sup>th</sup>, and joined the list of the leading nations among 159 countries worldwide. According to the Economic Freedom Index 2017 of the Heritage Foundation, Georgia has also improved its position and moved to 13<sup>th</sup> position among 180 countries with its 'mostly free' status in terms of property rights, business freedom, and labour freedom. According to the report published by Transparency International in 2017, Georgia's ranking has raised by 4 positions in the Corruption Perception Index and it moved from 48<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> place, while maintaining the leading 1<sup>st</sup> position among the 19 countries of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).

The **tax system** has been significantly simplified and a number of taxes were lifted. To register as a taxpayer and learn about taxes levied, please visit the website of the Revenue Service of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia - <u>www.rs.ge</u>. The **banking system** is well developed in Georgia. Several large private banks, small microfinance organizations, and credit unions operate in the country. You can exchange foreign currency at the large operators' offices and smaller exchange bureaus in the streets.



Georgian national currency is Georgian Lari (GEL).

**Tourism:** Georgia is one of the most unique touristic destinations and a new discovery for visitors since its rich potential and diversity is pulling them back to re-visit the country. The increase in number of visitors within the period of 2010-2016 has been one of the highest in the world. The total number of international visitors exceeded 6.3 million in 2016, while the revenue from international tourism has increased 1.9-fold and the foreign currency inflow grew by USD 230 million as compared to the last year.

Tourism has become one of the most

successful sectors of Georgian economy. According to the 2016 data, 1,765 accommodation residences with 57,049 beds were registered in the Georgian National Tourism Administration's database. According to the classification of the different categories of accommodation, there are 640 hotels, 608 family hotels, 393 guest houses and 124 other types of accommodation registered; and 130 new hotels are expected to start operation for the next 2 years countrywide.<sup>1</sup>

Revenue from International Tourism (thousand USD) <sup>2</sup>						
2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
659,245	954,908	1,410,902	1,719,700	1,787,140	1,935,915	2,166,33

Additional information on tourism in Georgia can be found on the websites: <u>www.georgia.travel/ge; www.gnta.ge.</u>

#### People and language

By tradition, Georgia is an orthodox Christian country. Christianity was spread as early as in the 4<sup>th</sup> century; however, Georgia has been a homeland to the representatives of Muslim, Jewish, and other religious denominations for many centuries. Freedom of religion and other fundamental human rights are protected by the Georgian Constitution.



**State languages** in Georgia are Georgian and Abkhaz (in the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia). Georgian is written in its own unique writing system – the Georgian script, which is one of the world's 14 unique alphabets. For additional information about the history, culture, and climate of Georgia please visit the website: www.government.gov.ge.

#### Security

Should your safety and health be endangered, **dial (112)** to contact the emergency service. It combines fire and rescue brigades, emergency medical services, and patrol police. Police in Georgia enjoys a particularly high trust from the population.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Georgian National Tourism Administration.

NOTE: Get the contact information – address and hotline number of your country's diplomatic mission and/or consular office and always have it with you. To receive a timely assistance from the diplomatic representation of your country, it is recommended to register with the consular service of your embassy upon arrival in a foreign country.

#### Education

The education system in Georgia is divided into pre-school, general, higher and vocational education. A number of private and public educational institutions operate on each stage of education system. The majority of the curricula are in Georgian (state) language, although various private and public educational institutions also offer educational programs in English, Russian, and other languages.

**General education** consists of a primary school (from grade 1 to 6), a compulsory secondary school (grades 7 - 9) and a high school (grades 10 - 12). Children are enrolled in primary schools at the age of six. Students can either receive an **incomplete general education certificate** after the completion of a compulsory secondary school or continue with their studies in a high school or in a vocational school. After completing 12 years of study at school, students receive a **general education certificate**.

**Vocational schools/colleges** offer two- or three-year academic courses to students. Graduation diplomas received at these institutions allow the graduates to either start working by profession or continue their studies at higher educational institutions.

**Higher education** is also a three-tier education system consisting of a bachelor's (BA), master's (MA) and doctorate (PhD) degrees.

**The system of enrolment** to pre-school institutions and primary schools is centralized and is carried out in late spring or early summer. To have their children enrolled in kindergartens in the capital Tbilisi, parents shall register them through the website <u>www.kids.org.ge</u>; the registration of children in primary schools across the country is carried out through the education management information system (<u>www.emis.ge</u>). Foreign citizens can also use these registration services. The registration in private kindergartens and schools is made on individual basis.

Admission of students to higher educational institutions is also a centralized process administered by the National Examinations Centre (<u>www.naec.ge</u>). Normally, foreign citizens are not required to sit the

national exams and are enrolled on the basis of applications and interviews. One of the necessary conditions is the availability of a relevant visa and/or residence permit.

A list of private and public universities and vocational schools with their corresponding websites is available on the website of the educational guide at: <u>www.edu-guide.ge</u>. A list of private schools can be viewed at: <u>www.edu-child.ge</u>.

**Recognition of foreign educational diplomas.** Georgia joined the Bologna Process in 2005 and became a full member of the European Higher Education Area in 2010. This means that a degree awarded by an accredited Georgian university is recognized across the Europe and vice versa.

The recognition of diplomas issued by foreign educational institutions is the responsibility of the National Centre for Educational Quality Enhancement. Main rules and requirements of recognition as well as contact information of the Centre are available at <u>www.eqe.ge</u>.

#### Healthcare

Healthcare: Key Facts <sup>1</sup>				
Average life expectancy	72,9 years			
Hospital bed density per 1000 population	12,8 (2013 data)			
Physicians density per 1000 population	24,3 (2013 data)			
Referral to medical specialists	13243,9			

Healthcare system in Georgia is fully privatized. Private hospitals operate in all main regional centres thus making medical services accessible to the population countrywide. The information about health service providers can be found on the information web portal: <u>http://cloud.moh.gov.ge</u>. Additional information on physicians, blood bank, and pharmacies can be accessed on the portal upon registering.

Several large insurance companies operating in Georgia offer various health insurance coverage packages to customers. The information about these companies is available on the website of Georgian Insurance Association: <a href="http://www.insurance.org.ge">www.insurance.org.ge</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: National Statistics Office of Georgia, 2015 data. <u>www.geostat.ge</u>

#### CATEGORIES AND TYPES OF GEORGIAN VISA

**Georgian visa** is a permit of established form stamped inside the travel document of a foreigner or issued electronically (e-visa), which confirms his/her right to enter or/and stay in Georgia, or transit the territory of Georgia.

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For the purpose of issuing Georgian visa, a foreigner can be invited to Georgia by citizen of Georgia, person having residence permit in Georgia, legal person registered in Georgia, Georgian ministry, office of the state minister as well as diplomatic representation, consular office or international organization accredited in Georgia. The invitation is an official document including a written recommendation confirming the purpose of foreigner's visit to Georgia.

#### Types of Georgian visa

A foreigner who meets the requirements and conditions set forth for the issuance of a Georgian visa can be granted a **single -** or **multiple-entry** visa.

A single-entry short-term visa is issued according to the length of stay requested on the visa application form, but for a stay of no more than 30 days.

**A multiple-entry short-term visa** is issued for the duration of maximum 5 years. At the same time, the entry and the total length of stay of a foreign citizen shall not exceed 90 calendar days within the 180 day period. A multiple-entry short-term visa is issued to the foreigner who has been in Georgia at least once during the previous year and has grounds for applying for a short-term multi-entry visa.

**Long-term visa** shall be issued with the right to multiple entries to the country, for the term of 90 calendar days, for 1-year validity period and for the term the person will be staying in Georgia. Long-term visa for a 1-year validity period shall be issued only for D5 category immigration visa.

#### Georgian visa has the following categories:

- A category Diplomatic visa;
- B category Special visa;
- C category Ordinary visa;
- D category Immigration visa;
- T category Transit visa.

#### A – Diplomatic Visa

**A1 category visa** is issued to the top officials of foreign legislative and executive authorities, members of top- and high-level delegations, and accompanying family members, arriving in Georgia on state, official, business, friendly or unofficial visits;

**A2 category visa** is issued to employees of diplomatic and equivalent missions accredited to Georgia; consular officials and their family members; to employees of representation offices of international organizations located in Georgia who have been granted diplomatic status by Georgia, and their family members;

**A3 category visa** is issued to diplomatic couriers and individuals arriving in Georgia on a special diplomatic mission;

**A4 category visa** is issued to honorary consuls of Georgia and their family members, if they are citizens of a foreign country;

**A5 category visa** is issued to persons coming to Georgia as members of different missions, which are in the interests of Georgia, including persons having diplomatic passports coming to Georgia for working visits.

#### **B** – Special Visa

**B1 category visa** is issued to members of foreign delegations, persons having service passports coming to Georgia for working visit, their accompanying family members and other accompanying persons;

**B2 category visa** is issued to administrative, technical and service personnel of foreign diplomatic missions, consular employees and service staff of consular offices, their family members and household workers; employees of international and humanitarian organizations located in Georgia and their family members as well as domestic workers accompanying the persons having A2 diplomatic visa;

**B3 category visa** is issued to persons arriving in Georgia under international bilateral and multilateral treaties of Georgia, members of peacekeeping forces, and other military contingents deployed in Georgia under an international treaty and their family members;

**B4 category visa** is issued to persons arriving in Georgia as members of different missions, which are in the national interests of Georgia.

#### C - Ordinary Visa

C1 category visa is issued to persons arriving in Georgia for the purpose of tourism;

C2 category visa is issued to persons arriving in Georgia to visit relatives and friends, and to freelancers;

**C3 category visa** is issued to persons arriving in Georgia to hold business meetings and negotiations, participants of scientific workshops, conferences and other research, pedagogical, cultural or sports events; persons arriving in Georgia to perform journalistic activity; crew members of the ships standing in Georgian harbours, unless visa-free movement of the crew members is provided by an international treaty; to the drivers and co-drivers performing international cargo / civil transportation;

**C4 category visa** is issued to persons arriving in Georgia to receive or provide humanitarian assistance during life-threatening situations and situations hazardous to life and health, to carry out charity activities; a guardian or caregiver of a Georgian citizen, persons under guardianship or care of a Georgian citizen; persons arriving in Georgia for treatment; persons visiting graves of relatives and friends, persons arriving with the purpose of pilgrimage.

#### D – Immigration Visa

**D1 category visa** is issued to persons arriving in Georgia to work; representatives and consultants of companies coming to Georgia to perform their official duties; foreigners coming to Georgia for contracted work, and persons coming Georgia for carrying out entrepreneurial activity according to the Law of Georgia on Entrepreneurial Activity;



**D2 category visa** is issued to persons coming to Georgia to carry out scientific, sports, cultural or educational activity; freelancers; foreigners coming to Georgia as interns or volunteers; press workers coming to Georgia to carry out their professional activity;

**D3 category visa** is issued to persons coming for study or do research at an authorized educational institution or to those coming to Georgia as part of an international educational program;

D4 category visa is issued to persons who come to Georgia for family reunification;

**D5 category visa** is issued to the person - and his/her family members - who, according to the rule established by Georgian legislation have the right to immovable property (except for agricultural land), with the market price above USD 35 000 equivalent in GEL.

#### T - Transit Visa

**T** category visa is issued to aliens transiting Georgia to enter a third country. The maximum length of transit visa is 10 days.

#### Procedures for obtaining visa



Georgian visas are issued by Georgia's diplomatic missions and consular offices abroad,<sup>1</sup> while electronic visa shall be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia to the foreigner abroad upon submitting the relevant visa application through the website of the Ministry – www.evisa.gov.ge (E-VISA PORTAL). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also entitled to issue an immigration visa to the foreigner legally staying in Georgia.

Citizens of those countries where Georgia does not have a diplomatic mission or a consular office may apply to Georgia's diplomatic missions or consular offices in the neighbouring countries. Foreigners who do not reside in their home countries may apply to Georgia's diplomatic missions and consular offices in the countries of their residence. In such an event, a foreign citizen must have a multiple entry visa or a valid residence permit of the country in which he/she resides.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See contact information of Georgia's diplomatic missions and consular offices abroad on page 43.

All necessary documentation for issuing an immigration visa to foreigner legally staying in Georgia can be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as to the branches of Public Service Hall, territorial offices of the Public Service Development Agency and Community Centers; all above-listed institutions are entitled to stamp visa into the travel document or issue an electronic visa.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia makes decision on issuing an immigration visa to foreigner legally staying in Georgia.

Decision on issuing a short-term visa is made in 10 calendars days upon receiving visa application and other necessary documents; while an online application submitted through the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia <u>www.evisa.gov.ge</u> (E-VISA PORTAL) shall be processed and an electronic visa shall be issued not later than within 5 days from submitting an online application.

Decision on issuing D category (except for D5 category) long-term immigration visa shall be made within 30 calendar days from submitting visa application. Decision on issuing D5 category immigration visa shall be made within 10 days from submitting visa application.

#### **Extending visa**

Foreigner staying in Georgia can apply for extension of short-term diplomatic and special visa (A and B categories) as well as D3 and D5 category immigration visa.

The documents required for extending short-term diplomatic and special visa shall be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, while the documents for extending D3 and D5 category immigration visa can be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia as well as to the branches of Public Service Hall, territorial offices of the Public Service Development Agency and Community Centres.

NOTE: A foreigner, whose legal stay in Georgia expires, can apply for extending his/her visa without leaving the country. While the administrative proceedings for extending the Georgian visa are underway, the term of foreigner's stay in Georgia shall be deemed rightful and he/she will be exempted from the penalty envisaged by Georgian legislation for violating the terms of legal stay in the country. At the same time, until the final decision on extending the visa has been made, a foreigner cannot be expelled from Georgia.

For additional information on the visa procedures, please visit the websites: <u>www.geoconsul.gov.ge;</u> <u>www.mfa.gov.ge;</u> <u>www.evisa.gov.ge.</u>

#### VISA FREE TRAVEL TO GEORGIA

Under the international treaties and national legal acts of Georgia, foreign citizens can enter Georgia without a visa.

The following is the list of the countries whose citizens have the right to enter and stay in Georgia without visa, for one full year:

1	Albania	33	Faroe Islands and Greenland
2	Andorra	34	Finland
		35	France
3	Antigua and Barbuda	36	
4	Argentina		French Polynesia and New Caledonia
5	Armenia	37	Germany
6	Aruba and Netherlands Antilles	38	Greece
7	Australia	39	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
8	Austria	40	Holy See
9	Azerbaijan	41	Honduras
10	Bahamas	42	Hungary
11	Bahrain	_43	Iceland
_12	Barbados	_44	Italy
13	Belarus	45	Ireland
14	Belgium	_46	Israel
15	Belize	_47	Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man
16	Bermuda Islands, Cayman Islands, British	48	Japan
	Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Turks and	49	Kazakhstan
	Caicos Islands, Gibraltar	50	Korea
17	Bosnia and Herzegovina	51	Kuwait
18	Botswana	52	Kyrgyzstan
19	Brazil	53	Latvia
20	Brunei Darussalam	54	Lebanon
21	Bulgaria	55	Liechtenstein
22	Canada	56	Lithuania
23	Colombia	57	Luxembourg
24	Costa Rica	58	Malaysia
25	Croatia	59	Malta
26	Czech Republic	60	Mauritius
27	Cyprus	61	Mexico
28	Denmark	62	Moldova
29	Dominican Republic	63	Monaco
30	Ecuador	64	Montenegro
31	El Salvador	65	Netherlands
32	Estonia	66	New Zealand
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67	Norway	82	Slovenia
68	Oman	83	South Africa
69	Panama	84	Spain
70	Poland	85	Sweden
71	Portugal	86	Switzerland
72	Qatar	87	Tajikistan
73	Romania	88	Thailand
74	Russian Federation	89	Turkey
75	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	90	Turkmenistan
76	San Marino	91	Ukraine
77	Saudi Arabia	92	United Arab Emirates
78	Serbia	93	United Kingdom of Great Britain
79	Seychelles		and Northern Ireland
80	Singapore	94	United States of America
81	Slovakia	95	Uzbekistan



Foreigners having a Laissez-passer (a travel document issued by United Nations or its specialized agencies) can also enter Georgia and stay in the country without visa, for one full year.



Foreigners holding a visa and/or residence permit of any country listed below may enter and stay in Georgia without visa for 90 calendar days in any 180-day period:

-	A ( )
1	Australia
2	Austria
3	Aruba and Netherlands Antilles
4	Bahrain
5	Belgium
6	Bermuda Islands, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Gibraltar
7	Bulgaria
8	Canada
9	Croatia
10	Cyprus
11	Czech Republic
12	Denmark
13	Estonia
14	Faroe Islands and Greenland
15	Finland
16	France
17	French Polynesia and New Caledonia
18	Germany
19	Greece
20	Hungary
21	Ireland
22	Iceland
23	Israel
24	Italy
25	Japan

26	Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man
27	Korea
28	Kuwait
29	Latvia
30	Liechtenstein
31	Lithuania
32	Luxembourg
33	Malta
34	Netherlands
35	New Zealand
36	Norway
37	Oman
38	Poland
39	Portugal
40	Qatar
41	Romania
42	Saudi Arabia
43	Slovakia
44	Slovenia
45	Spain
46	Sweden
47	Switzerland
48	United Arab Emirates
49	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
50	United States of America



For the purpose of entry and staying in Georgia without visa, a visa and/or residence permit of the respective country shall be valid on the day of entry into Georgia

(crossing the border) that must be evidenced by a travel and/or other relevant document.


#### **RESIDENCE PERMIT AND RESIDENCE CARD**

**Residence permit** authorizes a foreign citizen to enter and stay in Georgia or transit the territory of Georgia during the term of validity of residence permit. It also authorizes a holder to invite another foreigner to Georgia.



To obtain a residence permit, a foreign citizen must either personally or via authorized representative apply to any territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency,<sup>1</sup> branch of the Public Service Hall<sup>2</sup> or Community Centre,<sup>3</sup> or apply online via the distance service of the Public Service Development Agency: <u>http://sda/gpv.</u> <u>ge/?page\_id=5355</u>. The application and enclosed documents are submitted to the authorised entities in Georgian; however, an application completed in English and/or Russian may also be accepted. A foreign citizen's

passport can also be submitted to the Public Service Development Agency without a Georgian translation if the personal data in the passport is provided in Latin transliteration (alphabet).

Georgia issues the following residence permits:

- Work residence permit is issued to persons coming to Georgia for entrepreneurial or labour activities as well as to freelancers;
- **Study residence permit** is issued to persons coming to Georgia to study at authorized educational institutions;
- Residence permit for family reunification is issued to family members of a foreigner holding a
  residence permit and/or person who has been granted a status of stateless person in Georgia.
  Family members include: a spouse, child, and a parent, also an underage or incapacitated person
  being fully dependent and/or being under their care (guardianship);
- **Residence permit of a former citizen of Georgia** is issued to a foreign citizen whose Georgian citizenship has been terminated;
- Residence permit of a stateless person is issued to a person whose status of stateless person has been established in Georgia;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public Service Development Agency is a Legal Entity of Public Law operating within the scope of governance of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. See the contact information on PSDA territorial offices on page 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Public Service Hall is a Legal Entity of Public Law operating within the scope of governance of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia. See the contact information on branch offices of PSH on page 42.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See the contact information of the Community Centres on page 42.

- **Special residence permit** is issued to a foreign citizen who, based on a reasonable doubt, might be a victim of human trafficking. Such instances are specified in the Law of Georgia on Combating Human Trafficking. A special residence permit is also issued to a foreign citizen who has written endorsement from a member of the government of Georgia, asking to issue a temporary residence permit to the person. It can also be issued to a foreigner subject to expulsion, after 5 years since he/ she was granted the right of temporary stay, and to the citizen of foreign country who has a status of Compatriot Residing Abroad;
- **Permanent residence permit** is issued to a spouse, parent and child of citizen of Georgia; also to a foreign citizen who, holding a temporary residence permit, has resided in Georgia during the preceding 6 years. The period of staying in Georgia for educational purposes or medical treatment, or working for a diplomatic or equivalent mission will not be counted;
- **Investment residence permit** is issued to a foreign citizen who invested at least GEL 300 000 in Georgia. This provision is prescribed in the Law of Georgia on Promotion and Guarantees of Investment. In such cases, residence permits are also issued to the investor's family members, which include a spouse, underage dependent and/or fully dependent incapacitated person;
- **Temporary residence permit** is issued to a foreigner, who according to the Law of Georgia on Elimination of Domestic Violence, Protection of and Support to its Victims, has been recognized as a victim of domestic violence;
- Short-term residence permit is issued to the person and his/her family members who, according to the rule established by Georgian legislation have the right to immovable property (except for agricultural land), with the market price above USD 35 000 equivalent in GEL.

A foreigner legally staying in Georgia and having any of the above-listed residence permits, has the right to obtain the other type of residence permit in case he/she meets the requirements set for the latter.

Study, work, family reunification, special, temporary and short-tem residence permits as well as residence permits for former citizen of Georgia or stateless person are issued with the right of temporary residence, **for 6 years**. These types of residence permits are issued for the term ranging from six months to one year first, and may be extended thereafter for the term of up to 5 years.



A residence permit is issued by the Public Service Development Agency **within 30 days** after receiving a complete set of required documents. However, the permits can also be issued in accelerated manner; for detailed information on the fast-track service visit the websites: <u>www.sda.gov.ge</u>; <u>www.psh.gov.ge</u>.

The Public Service Development Agency issues an e-residence card to a foreigner who holds a residence permit in Georgia. The residence card is an identity document certifying an identity of a foreigner living in Georgia, his/her citizenship and a place of his/her residence in Georgia.



**Residence permit will be terminated** if a foreigner fails to apply to any authorized entity for a residence card within the period of 6 months.

Additional information on residence permits and residence cards is available on the websites: <u>www.sda.</u> gov.ge; <u>www.psh.gov.ge</u>; <u>www.centri.gov.ge</u>.



#### COMPATRIOT STATUS AND CERTIFICATE



Status of Compatriot Residing Abroad is granted to a citizen of Georgia who resides in another country for a long period of time, or a citizen of a foreign country who is of Georgian descent and/ or whose native language belongs to the Kartvelian language group. The right to obtain a compatriot status also applies to the family members of a status seeker (a spouse and children). Family members are not required to confirm that they are of Georgian descent and/or their native language belongs to the Kartvelian language group.

A person seeking the Status of a Compatriot Residing abroad shall submit an application in person or via an authorized representative to the territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency or branch of the Public Service Hall; those living outside of Georgia may apply to a diplomatic mission or consular office of Georgia abroad or online via the distance service of the Public Service Development Agency <a href="http://sda.gov.ge/?page\_id=5370">http://sda.gov.ge/?page\_id=5370</a>

The Public Service Development Agency considers the application for the status and takes a decision in 80 days after the submission of the application. If the decision is positive, a status holder can request an official document - a Certificate of the Compatriot Residing Abroad.



A Certificate of the Compatriot Residing Abroad is issued for NOTE: a term of 3 years to persons under 20 years of age, for the term of 10 years to persons between 20 and 65 years, and for an indefinite term to persons above 65 years. If the term of a certificate of the compatriot residing abroad expires, the status holder can apply to the Public Service Development Agency for the renewal of the certificate.

A foreign national having the status of compatriot enjoys the **following privileges:** 

Upon the approval of the International Sports Federation, has the right to participate in corresponding sports competitions on behalf of Georgia, in the National Team of Georgia;

- In case he/she is a citizen of a country, nationals of which require visa to enter Georgia, has the right to enter Georgia without visa and stay in Georgia for up to 30 days;
- When filing the application for the citizenship of Georgia, pays the service fees at a reduced rate as established by the government of Georgia;
- Has the right to obtain the state funding for general and higher education in Georgia, as prescribed by the relevant legislation;
- May be employed in civil service only on the basis of employment contract, provided he/she meets requirements established by the law;
- May participate in various targeted programs funded by the Georgian state and designed for the diaspora.

Additional information on the acquisition of the Status of Compatriot Residing abroad and issuance of the corresponding Certificate is available on the following websites:<u>www.sda.gov.ge; www.psh.gov.ge.</u>

#### STATUS OF STATELESS PERSON AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**Stateless person** is a person who is not recognized as a citizen of any state. In Georgia, the status of a stateless person is determined by the Public Service Development Agency. To determine the status, a person has to submit an application to any territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of the Public Service Hall, or Community Centre.

A capable person of full legal age (18 years) can submit an application for the status to be determined. An application of an underage person (under 18 years) should be submitted by his/her legal representative. The application must contain 2 photographs sized 3x4; an identity document, travel document, or any other document issued by a foreign country certifying the fact of statelessness of a status seeker, and a receipt certifying the payment of the relevant service fee. In case certain documents are missing, an applicant must provide the relevant explanation.

The application must contain the following data of a status seeker:

- Identification data (name and surname, in case these have been changed the name and surname before the change; previous citizenship, sex, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name and name after marriage);
- Details of an identity document or travel document issued by a foreign country (type of document and number, term of validity, place and date of issuance, issuing body);
- Marital status, date of marriage, citizenship and place of birth of children; name, surname and citizenship of a spouse (former spouse);
- Countries of residence and periods of residence in those countries;
- Education;
- Employment;
- Place of factual residence.

During the administrative proceedings, until the status of a stateless person is determined, a statusseeker can stay in Georgia without the legal grounds. The Public Service Development Agency provides the status-seeker with the **temporary identity card** for the term of one year. The document automatically becomes invalid after the decision on the status is taken.



An application for the status of a stateless person is considered and a final decision is taken within 6 months after the application is filed. The Agency can extend the term of administrative proceedings for additional 3 months, if the significant circumstances have to be established or a necessary document/information has to be obtained.

Positive decision on the status of a stateless person means that a residence permit is automatically granted to the person.

After acquiring a residence permit, a stateless person can obtain a **travel passpor**t so that he/she can leave Georgia, travel abroad, and re-enter Georgia.

To obtain a travel passport, a stateless person must apply to a territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of the Public Service Hall, or Community Centre.

Additional information on the status of a stateless person and issuance of relevant documents is available on the websites: <u>www.sda.gov.ge</u>; <u>www.psh.gov.ge</u>; <u>www.centri.gov.ge</u>.



#### POSTPONING THE OBLIGATION TO LEAVE GEORGIA

## A foreigner staying in Georgia has to leave the territory of Georgia until the term of his/her legal stay expires.

If a foreign citizen is not able to leave Georgia until the term of legal stay expires, the obligation to leave may be postponed in specific cases prescribed in the law. To postpone the obligation to leave Georgia, a foreigner must apply to any territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency or branch of the Public Service Hall.

The obligation of a foreigner to leave Georgia may be postponed:

- If he/she has submitted an application to the Agency for either a residence permit in Georgia or the citizenship of Georgia;
- In case of illness and pregnancy, when according to the medical conclusion, travel may harm the person's health. In such case, family members and accompanying persons may stay with the person;
- If a case involving the foreigner is under hearing in the general court of Georgia and his/her stay in Georgia is crucial to defend his/her interests;
- The foreigner is forced to stay on the territory of Georgia for more than 10 days when transiting Georgia. If so, the following is deemed a forced stay:
  - Natural disaster hindering movement of train, vehicle, ship, or airplane;
  - Necessary repair of the transport means or a traffic accident;
  - Delay in changing the means of transportation;
  - Other cases when it is impossible to move from one place to another without hindrance.
- On the basis of the request issued by an authorized person from a Georgian ministry or other official state agency. state subordinated entity.

In exceptional cases, if the request is well-grounded, the obligation to leave Georgia may be postponed once, for the term of up to 3 months. The reasons to postpone the departure must be connected to the initial purpose of the travel and stay in Georgia.

NOTE: A foreigner who has applied to the Public Service Development Agency for a residence permit or Georgian citizenship, shall submit the request to postpone the obligation to leave 7 days before the expiry of his/her legal stay in Georgia. In such a case, the foreigner's obligation to leave may be postponed once for the period of up to 3 months.

The decision to postpone the obligation to leave is taken by the Agency **within 3 calendar days** after the submission of the request.

#### Expulsion of foreigner from Georgia

An alien may be expelled from Georgia:

a) If he/she has illegally entered Georgia;

b) There are no legal grounds for his/her further stay in Georgia;

c) His/her stay in Georgia is contrary to the state security and/or public order;

d) His/her removal is necessary for protecting the health, rights, and legitimate interests of citizens of Georgia and of other individuals lawfully staying in Georgia;

e) He/she repeatedly breaches the Georgian legislation;

f) He/she has obtained legal grounds for entry or stay in Georgia through forged or invalid documents;

g) After he/she has served the sentence for the crime implying prison term for more than one year;

h) Before he/she has served the sentence in case he/she was given a non-custodial sentence, or before the expiry of the probation period in case he/she was given a conditional sentence.



Under a decision on expulsion, an alien residing in Georgia shall be given a reasonable period of 10 to 30 days calendar days, during which he/she must leave Georgia without incurring expenses from the state budget.

If an alien does not leave the territory of Georgia within the above-said timeframe, the decision on expulsion shall be executed within 15 working days after expiry of the term for voluntary departure.

A foreigner whose term of legal stay in Georgia has expired and who arbitrarily leaves the country should, before or after leaving Georgia, pay the administrative fine (in amount of GEL180 for overstaying for 3 months after the expiry of the term of legal stay, and GEL360 for overstaying for longer than 3 months). Unless paying the administrative fine for overstaying, a person will not be issued the Georgian visa and will be denied the entry to Georgia.

In addition to imposing a fine, a person who has been subject to forced expulsion, shall be banned from re-entering Georgia from 2 to 5 years.

#### **ACQUISITION OF GEORGIAN CITIZENSHIP**

**Georgian citizenship** is the legal bond of a person to Georgia. A citizen of Georgia cannot at the same time be the citizen of another state, apart from the exceptional cases specified in the Constitution of Georgia. Georgian citizenship may be acquired at birth and by naturalization.

#### **Determining Georgian citizenship**

A person is considered a citizen of Georgia, if:

- At least one of his/her parents is a Georgian citizen, at the time the person is born;
- A person is born on the territory of Georgia as a result of an extracorporeal fertilization (surrogating), when home countries of neither of his/her parents consider the person to be its citizen;
- He/she is a child of a stateless persons in Georgia and has been born on the territory of Georgia;
- A person is born on the territory of Georgia, with one parent being a stateless person in Georgia and the other parent being unknown.

An underage person who lives in Georgia and whose parents are unknown is considered a citizen of Georgia until an opposite is established.

Apart from the above-listed, the following persons are also citizens of Georgia:

- 1. Persons born before 31 March 1975 who have resided in Georgia for at least five years in total, were on the territory of Georgia by 31 March 1993 and have not acquired the citizenship of another country;
- 2. Persons born after 31 March 1975 who lived on the territory of Georgia by 31 March 1993 and have not acquired the citizenship of another country;
- 3. Persons born in Georgia who left Georgia after 21 December 1991 and therefore do not meet the requirements stipulated in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraphs, provided that they have not acquired the citizenship of another country.

Persons whose Georgian citizenship can not be determined by any of the above-mentioned grounds, is entitled to obtain the Georgian citizenship by the special rule in case he/she, within the established limits, knows Georgian language, history of Georgia and the basics of Georgian law.

Application to determine the Georgian citizenship can be submitted in person or via an authorized representative to a territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of the Public Service Hall, or a Community Centre. Persons living outside of Georgia can apply to a diplomatic mission or a consular office of Georgia abroad or apply online via the distance service of the Public Service Development Agency here: <a href="http://sda.gov.ge/?page\_id=8666">http://sda.gov.ge/?page\_id=8666</a>

The Georgian citizenship is determined, when:

- An identity document of a Georgian citizen is issued;
- The birth of a person is registered;
- A person is registered according to his/her place of residence;
- A conclusion on the determination of Georgian citizenship is requested.

The conclusion on determination of Georgian citizenship is issued by the Public Service Development Agency.

#### Acquiring Georgian citizenship by naturalization

Acquiring Georgian citizenship by naturalization is possible by granting citizenship to a person by the president of Georgia. The relevant decision is authorised by the Presidential order.

Georgian citizenship can be granted in the following manner:



- under an ordinary procedure;
- under a simplified procedure;
- as an exception;
- through restoration.

Georgian citizenship shall be granted with an ordinary procedure to an adult who meets the following requirements:

- 1. Has resided in Georgia legally and uninterruptedly for at least 5 years prior to the submission of application. A document certifying a legal and uninterrupted stay in Georgia is Georgian visa, residence permit or residence card, border stamp with the date of crossing the border;
- 2. Should know the state language to the pre-defined level. Georgian language skills are examined by the special commission through testing;
- 3. Should know Georgia's history and the basics of Georgian law. Applicant's knowledge is examined by the special commission through testing;
- 4. Should be employed in Georgia or/and own a real estate in Georgia, or be engaged in entrepreneurial activities on the territory of Georgia, or own interest or shares in an enterprise in Georgia.

When Georgian citizenship is granted by an ordinary procedure, the Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 do not apply to incapacitated persons; Paragraphs 2 and 3 do not apply to persons whose physical disability makes it impossible to assess these requirements; and finally, Paragraph 4 does not apply to the persons with the refugee status.

An underage person with the refugee or the stateless status in Georgia, who was born in Georgia and has lived in Georgia for 5 years, is granted a Georgian citizenship by the ordinary procedure.

To obtain Georgian citizenship by the ordinary procedure, a foreigner can apply to the authorized body. Presidential order on granting Georgian citizenship to a foreign citizen comes into effect as soon as the relevant state authorities in Georgia receive a document certifying withdrawal from foreign citizenship.

**Georgian citizenship** shall be granted **by simplified procedure** to a person married to a Georgian citizen who has lived legally and uninterruptedly lived in Georgia for 2 years prior to the submission of the application. Additionally, a person is required to know the state language, Georgian history, and the basics of Georgian law.

**Exceptional procedure of granting a Georgian citizenship** may be applied to a foreign citizen who has made an outstanding contribution to Georgia or to the cases when granting a Georgian citizenship to the person is in the national interests of the country. These exceptional situations are prescribed in the Constitution of Georgia.

When granting Georgian citizenship as an exception, the Commission on Citizenship Issues under the Public Service Development Agency establishes the existence of conditions prescribed in the Constitution of Georgia. In certain cases the Commission may invite a foreign citizen for an interview.

Georgian citizenship may be restored to a person whose Georgian citizenship has been terminated:

- unlawfully;
- due to withdrawing from Georgian citizenship;
- based on the decision of his/her parent(s).

In order to have the Georgian citizenship restored, a person should know Georgian language to a certain level. This requirement is waved if the person's citizenship was unlawfully terminated. It also does not apply to incapacitated persons and persons whose physical disability makes it impossible to assess the level of the language skills.

Applications for the acquisition of Georgian citizenship can be submitted in person or through an authorised representative. The applications are submitted to the territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of the Public Service Hall, or a Community Centre. Applicants living outside of Georgia can apply to a diplomatic mission or a consular office of Georgia abroad.

A Presidential order on granting/restoring a Georgian citizenship to a foreign citizen comes into effect after the relevant state authorities receive a document certifying the withdrawal from the foreign citizenship.

A decision on granting Georgian citizenship by naturalization is made within 3 months.

In the event of a negative decision, a person can re-apply to an authorized state body with the same request after 6 months.

Additional information on acquiring citizenship and issuance of corresponding documents is available on the websites: <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge">www.sda.gov.ge</a>; <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge"/>www.sda.gov.ge</a>; <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge"/>www.sda.gov.ge</a>; <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge"/>www.sda.gov.ge</a>; <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge"/>www.sda.gov.ge</a>; <a href="http://www.sda.gov.ge"/>wwww.sda.gov.ge</a>

#### INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IN GEORGIA



The issues related to obtaining asylum in Georgia are regulated by the Law of Georgia on International Protection. The Law provides for the following forms of international protection:

- Refugee status;
- Humanitarian status;
- Status of a person under temporary protection.

The decision to grant any of the above-mentioned statuses is made by the **Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia.**<sup>1</sup>

**Refugee status** -- shall be granted to an alien or stateless person, who is outside the country of origin due to well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality,

membership of a particular social group or political opinion, and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of the country of origin.

**Humanitarian status** shall be granted to an alien or stateless person who does not qualify as a refugee but in respect of whom there are reasons to believe that upon return to the country of origin he/she will face a risk of suffering serious harm. The Georgian legislation defines the serious harm as:

- a) the death penalty or threat to execution;
- b) torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in the country of origin;

c) serious individual threat to life by reason of indiscriminate violence, international or internal armed conflict or mass violation of human rights.

**Status of person under temporary protection** - The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia registers persons who arrive to Georgia in the event of a mass influx and makes a decision to grant them a status of persons under temporary protection, if they are in need of international protection and are unable to return to the country of origin on account of indiscriminate violence, aggression, international or internal armed conflict or mass violation of human rights.

Request for international protection is a direct or indirect, verbal or written expression of a wish of a foreigner or stateless person to seek international protection in Georgia. The foreigner or stateless person may submit a request for international protection at the border, while entering Georgia, or while being on the territory of Georgia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See the contact information of the Ministry on page 35.

In case of illegal entry or stay in Georgia, a person shall apply for international protection to any state agency without delay.

International protection application shall be made in written form with assistance of a competent interpreter when needed. The application submitted to the Ministry is registered immediately and an asylum-seeker certificate is issued.

An asylum-seeker shall submit all information (including information on the country of origin) and proof in support of his/her application for international protection and cooperate with the competent official. The asylum-seeker is also obliged to credibly explain the reasons for any lack of supporting information or proof.

Applications for seeking international protection in Georgia are processed according to the set procedures and regulations. Accordingly, in case the provisions defined by the 1951 UN Convention on Status of Refugees and those prescribed by the Law on International Protection of Georgia are not established, the applicant shall be refused the requested status. The applicant may also be refused the status in case there are reasonable grounds to consider that the person represents a threat to state security or territorial integrity of Georgia or its public order, or is convicted for a serious crime in Georgia.

A person registered as the asylum-seeker in Georgia shall be issued a temporary identification card for the period of one year. This document entitles its holder to enjoy different rights according to the law.



Asylum-seeker or person under international protection shall not be returned or expelled to the border of the country where his/her life or freedom would be threatened on account of the race, religion, nationality. membership of a particular social group or political opinion. This principle is known as the "principle of non-refoulement".

Under the regular procedure, an international protection application shall be considered within 6 months upon its registration. This term can be extended for up to 9 months.

Upon granting the status of asylum-seeker, the person shall be issued a temporary residence card. In addition, the person with a refugee status shall be issued a travel document as prescribed by the 1951 UN Convention, while the person with a humanitarian status shall be issued a travel passport. In order to get a temporary residence car or a travel document/passport, a person under international protection shall apply to the territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of a Public Service Hall or a Community Centre.

Temporary residence card shall be issued free of charge to the person with a humanitarian status for the period of validity of the humanitarian status, and to the person with a refugee status - for the period of 3 years.

Travel document/passport of the person with a refugee/humanitarian status shall be issued free of charge within the period of 10 working days, for the period of 2 years in case of the refugee and for 1 vear in case of the humanitarian status holder.

The person with a refugee or humanitarian status is obliged to obey the Constitution of Georgia and other legislative and normative acts of Georgia, as well as

 respect local culture, traditions and customs. He/she is also obliged to notify the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia on changing the factual residential address and/or other contact information.

#### The person with the refugee or humanitarian status has the right to:

NOTE:

- a) Choose a place of residence and move freely on the territory of Georgia;
- b) Receive monthly allowance as determined by Georgian legislation;

c) Travel to another country except for his country of origin or the countries where his family members are not considered to be safe;

d) Receive pre-school and general education as provided for Georgian citizens, benefit from state healthcare and social programs (except for exceptional cases), and have access to vocational and higher education according to the procedures established by Georgian legislation;

e) Apply to the authorised agency for Georgian citizenship;

f) Carry out labour activity on an equal basis with Georgian citizens; namely, be self-employed or hired by another employer.



#### **MIGRATION MANAGEMENT IN GEORGIA**

#### State Commission on Migration Issues

The State Commission on Migration Issues was set up on 13 October 2010. The Commission is the Government's consultative body to discuss and take decisions on various important issues related to the migration management. The Commission comprises of 12 governmental agencies, is chaired by the Ministry of Justice, and co-chaired by the Ministry of Interior.

During its lifetime, the Commission has become a key platform for discussing migration-related issues and an effective instrument for coordinating competences falling under different bodies. For the purpose of expanding the framework of cooperation and providing additional expertise, the international and non-governmental organizations working in the field of migration and actively cooperating with the Commission were granted a consultative status within the Commission.

The Secretariat established with the financial support of the European Union and hosted by the Public Service Development Agency provides an analytical and administrative support to the Commission.

For additional information on the State Commission on Migration Issues and its Secretariat, please visit the website of the Commission: <u>www.migration.commission.ge.</u>

#### AGENCIES - MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

#### Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development

Address: 12 Chanturia str., Tbilisi 0108 Telephone: +995 322 991 111 Email: <u>ministry@economy.ge</u> Web: <u>www.economy.ge</u>

#### Ministry of Education and Science

Address: 52 Dimitri Uznadze str., Tbilisi 0102 Telephone: +995 322 200 220 Email: <u>pr@mes.gov.ge</u> Web: <u>www.mes.gov.ge</u>

#### **Ministry of Finance**

Address: 16 Gorgasali str., Tbilisi 0114 Telephone: +995 322 261 330 Email: info@mof.ge Web: www.mof.gov.ge

#### **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Address: 4 Sh. Chitadze str., Tbilisi 0118 Telephone: +995 322 945 005 Email: inform@mfa.gov.ge Web: www.mfa.gov.ge

#### Ministry of Internal Affairs Address: 10 G. Gulua str., Tbilisi 0114 Telephone: +995 322 411 158 Email: miapr@mia.gov.ge Web: www.police.ge

#### Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees Address: 15a Tamarashvili str., Tbilisi 0177 Telephone: +995 322 311 598 Email: info@mra.gov.ge

Web: <u>www.mra.gov.ge</u>
#### **Ministry of Justice**

Address: 24a Vakhtang Gorgasali str., Tbilisi 0114 Telephone: +995 322 405 087 Email: <u>press-center@justice.gov.ge</u> Web: <u>www.justice.gov.ge</u>

#### Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs

Address: 144, Ak. Tsereteli Ave. Tbilisi 0119 Telephone: +995 322 510 012 Email: <u>info@moh.gov.ge</u> Web:<u>www.moh.gov.ge</u>

# Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure

Address: 12 Al. Kazbegi ave., Tbilisi 0160 Telephone: +995 322 510 710 Email: <u>press@mrdi.gov.ge</u> Web: <u>www.mrdi.gov.ge</u>

#### National Statistics Office Address: 30 Tsotne Dadiani str., Tbilisi 0180 Telephone: +995 322 367 210 Email: info@geostat.ge Web: www.geostat.ge

#### Office of the State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Issues

Address: 7 Ingorokva str., Tbilisi 0134 Telephone/fax: +995 322 932 867 Email: <u>office@eu-nato.gov.ge</u> Web: <u>www.eu-nato.gov.ge</u>

#### State Security Service

Address: 72 Vazha-Pshavela ave., Tbilisi 0186 Telephone:+995 322 412 048 fax: +995 322 412 023 Email: info@ssg.gov.ge Web: www.ssg.gov.ge

#### ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE CONSULTATIVE STATUS (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

#### **Civil Development Agency**

Address: 9/1 Pirosmani str., Rustavi 3700 Telephone: +995 341 258 824 / +995 571 258 822 Email: <u>migrant-ge@hotmail.com; maia@cida.ge</u> Website: <u>www.migrant.ge</u>

#### **Danish Refugee Council**

Address: 88 Paliashvili str., Tbilisi 0162 Telephone: +995 322 232 437 Email: <u>drc@drc-sc.org</u> Website: <u>http://drc.dk/relief-work/where-we-work/</u> caucasus/georgia/

#### Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

Address: 38 Nino Chkheidze str., Tbilisi 0102 Telephone: +995 322 943 763/ +995 322 943 769 Email: <u>Delegation-Georgia@eeas.europa.eu</u> Web site: <u>http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/georgia</u>

#### Georgian Young Lawyer's Association

Address: 15 Jansugh Kakhidze str., Tbilisi 0102 Telephone: +995 322 936 101/ +995 322 952 353 Email: <u>gyla@gyla.ge</u> Web site: <u>www.gyla.ge</u>

Legal advice Address: 101 Dimitri Uznadze str., Tbilisi 0102 Telephone: +995 322 995 076

#### German International Cooperation Society (GiZ)

Address: 31 Griboedovi str., Tbilisi 0105 Telephone: +995 322 201 800 Email: migration-georgia@cimonline.de Website: http://migration-georgia.alumniportal.com/ project-components/return-to-georgia.html

#### Innovations and Reforms Centre

Address: 32 Saburtalo str., Tbilisi 0160 Telephone: +995 322 552 001/ +995 322 552 002 Email: <u>info@irc.ge</u> Website: <u>www.irc.ge</u>

# International Centre for Migration Policy Development

Address: 6 Marjanishvili str., Tbilisi Telephone: +995 322 904 098 Email: <u>enigma@icmpd.org</u> Website: <u>www.enigmma.ge</u>

#### International Labour Organization

Address: 4 route des Morillons, Geneve 22, CH-1211, Switzerland Telephone: +41 227 996 111 Email: ilo@ilo.org Website: www.ilo.org

#### International Organization for Migration

Address: 19 Tengiz Abuladze str., Tbilisi 0162 Telephone: +995 322 252 216 Email: <u>iomtbilisi@iom.int</u> Website: <u>www.iom.ge</u>; <u>www.informedmigration.ge</u>

#### **Migration Centre**

Address: 25 Berdzeni blind alley, Tbilisi 0114 Telephone: +995 599 961 606/ +995 591 110 007 Email: <u>migration-center@hotmail.com</u>

#### UN Association of Georgia

Address: 2 Dolidze str., Tbilisi 0171 Telephone: +995 322 332 516/ +995 322 335 216 Email: <u>alexandre@una.ge</u> Website: <u>www.una.ge</u>

#### UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Address: 2a Al. Kazbegi ave., Tbilisi 0160 Telephone: +995 322 386 202 Email: <u>geotb@unhcr.org</u> Website: <u>www.unhcr.org</u>

#### The main legal acts regulating migration in Georgia:

- Constitution of Georgia;
- Organic law of Georgia on Georgian Citizenship;
- Law of Georgia on Legal Status of Aliens and Stateless Persons;
- Law of Georgia on Compatriots Living Abroad and Diaspora Organizations;
- Law of Georgia on the Procedures of Leaving Georgia and Entering Georgia by Citizens of Georgia;
- Law of Georgia on the State Border of Georgia;
- · Law of Georgia on International Protection;
- Law of Georgia on Combating Human Trafficking;
- Decree of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of the Migration Strategy of Georgia for 2016-2020.

These and other legal acts regulating migration can be found on the website of the State Commission on Migration Issues: <u>www.migration.commission.ge</u>.

#### Migrant support programs

Georgian government as well as international and local non-governmental organizations operating in Georgia carry out migrant support programs of various duration and scale. A number of ongoing initiatives are described below. Please note that the duration of these programs differ with some of them coming to their end, though new initiatives are also launched periodically. For more detailed and up-todate information it is recommended to regularly check the websites of the organizations listed below. 1. Public Defender's Office of Georgia, in the framework of the UNHCR-funded project, is actively working on the human rights protection and awareness raising activities with regard to asylum seekers and persons under international protection.

For detailed information on the project and the activities of the Public Defender's office please visit: www.ombudsman.ge

 In 2017, the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia launched the program of integration of people having asylum in Georgia. The program envisages various activities based on the needs of the beneficiaries and consists of the Georgian language course, course for social and cultural awareness raising, civil education course, etc.

For detailed information please visit: www.mra.gov.ge

3. The UN Association of Georgia (UNAG) has been providing asylum seekers, refugees and holders of the humanitarian status with legal consultancy and advocacy for years. The beneficiaries of the program can benefit from free, professional legal assistance on asylum, expulsion and naturalization issues. Another important component of the program is strategic court proceedings in Georgian national courts as well as European Court of Human Rights.

For detailed information please visit: http://una.ge/page/95/eng

- 4. Project "Ghia Saskhli" ("Open House") is an integration support centre administered by UNAG that contributes to integration of asylum seekers, refugees and humanitarian status holders. The beneficiaries of the project can interact, share experiences, involve in inter-cultural dialogue and acquire skills necessary for social, economic and cultural integration in Georgia. For detailed information please visit: http://una.ge/page/103/eng
- 5. Innovations and Reforms Center (IRC) provides legal assistance and consultancy to refugees, stateless and undocumented persons on their rights and existing opportunities, available targeted state programs as well as the ways and procedures for acquiring Georgian citizenship. For detailed information please visit: http://irc.ge/en/
- 6. International Organization for Migration (IOM), in order to **support return to the country of origin** provides foreign migrants with professional consultancy, and assists them in obtaining necessary documents and solving other logistical issues.

For detailed information please visit: http://iom.ge/1/migrant-assistance

#### BORDER CHECKPOINTS OF GEORGIA

Foreigners can enter and leave Georgia through border checkpoints set up for international travel, within established hours.

BORDER CHECKPOINT	NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY	CATEGORY/STATUS
Sarpi	Turkey	motorway/international
Vale	Turkey	motorway/international
Ninotsminda	Armenia	motorway/international
Guguti	Armenia	motorway/international
Akhkerpi	Armenia	motorway/interstate <sup>1</sup>
Sadakhlo	Armenia	motorway/international
	Armenia	railway/international
Tsiteli Khidi	Azerbaijan	motorway/international
Mtkvari/Vakhtangisi	Azerbaijan	motorway/interstate
Samtatskaro	Azerbaijan	motorway/interstate
Lagodekhi/Tsodna	Azerbaijan	motorway/international
Gardabani	Azerbaijan	railway/international
Kazbegi/Dariali	Russian Federation	motorway/international

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Interstate border checkpoints can be crossed by Georgian nationals and nationals of neighboring countries only.

There are three international airports operating on the territory of Georgia, where border checkpoints are located.

#### TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

<u>Contact information:</u> **Telephone:** +995 322 310 265; +995 322 310 341; +995 322 310 421. **Web:** www.tbilisiairport.com **Address:** Airport, Airport settlement, Samgori district, Tbilisi, Georgia

#### **BATUMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

<u>Contact information:</u> **Telephone**: +995 422 235 100; +995 422 235 102; +995 422 235 103. **Fax:** +995 422 235 101 **Web:** www.batumiairport.com **Address:** Batumi International Airport, Batumi, Georgia

#### KUTAISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Contact information: **Telephone:** +995 431 237 000 **Email:** infodesk@airports.ge **Web:** www.kutaisiairport.ge **Address:** 100<sup>th</sup> km., Kutaisi, Georgia

#### Black Sea Ports open for foreign ships in Georgia:

- Batumi Sea Port
- Supsa Sea Port
- Poti Sea Port
- Kulevi Sea Port

Border checkpoints on the Georgia-Russia state border on the sections of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions:

- Gantiadi (railway)
- Gantiadi (motorway)
- Roki (motorway)
- Sokhumi (sea port)
- Ochamchire (sea port)



The map shows the Georgian state border checkpoints.

**PLEASE NOTE!** According to the Law of Georgia on Occupied Territories, foreigners and stateless persons are allowed to enter the occupied territories of Georgia only from the territory controlled by Georgian state: to the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia – from Zugdidi Municipality; to Tskhinvali region (former Autonomous Region of South Ossetia) – from Gori Municipality.

It is prohibited for foreign citizens to enter the occupied territories from other directions. Georgian legislation envisages certain sanctions for breaching the above-mentioned rules.

Currently, the Government of Georgia cannot control border checkpoints on the sections of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia-Russia state border. However, monitoring of air and maritime spaces of these sections is conducted regularly.

For additional information regarding the movement on occupied territories of Georgia please visit the website of the Office of the State Ministry for Reconciliation and Civic Equality of Georgia: <u>www.smr.gov.ge</u>

#### TERRITORIAL OFFICES OF ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES PROVIDING PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION

Territorial offices of the Public Service Development Agency, branches of the Public Service Hall and Community Centres - all operational under the Ministry of Justice of Georgia - issue official documents such as passports of a Georgian citizen and residence permits (cards). Also, these offices receive applications of the seekers of compatriot status, applications for granting or terminating Georgian citizenship, and provide other services. The Mobility Centres provide consultation to migrants and other interested persons on various migration-related issues.

Contact information of territorial offices of the Public Service Development Agency, branches of the Public Service Hall and Community Centres:



#### TBILISI

**Tbilisi Public Service Hall** 2 Sanapiro str. Tbilisi

Public Service Development Agency (PSDA) 67a Tsereteli ave. / 2 Sanapiro str. Tbilisi

#### ADJARA AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC

**Batumi Public Service Hall** 7 Sherif Khimshiashvili str., Batumi

Kobuleti branch of PSDA 143, Aghmashenebeli ave., Kobuleti

Keda branch of PSDA 2, 26<sup>th</sup> May str., Keda

**Shuakhevi branch of PSDA** 2 Khimshiashvili str., Shuakhevi

**Khulo branch of PSDA** 5 Tbel Abuseridze str., Khulo

Chakvi Community Centre Chakvi village, Kobuleti Municipality

**Mukhaestate Community Centre** Mukhaestate village, Kobuleti Municipality

#### GURIA

**Ozurgeti Public Service Hall** 9 Petritsi str., Ozurgeti

Lanchkhuti branch of PSDA 6 Tbilisi str., Lanchkhuti

**Chokhatauri branch of PSDA** 1 Guria str., Chokhatauri

Nigoeti Community Centre Nigoeti village, Lanchkhuti Municipality

Khidistavi Community Centre Khidistavi village, Chokhatauri Municipality

**Kvemo Natanebi Community Centre** Kvemo Natanebi village, Ozurgeti Municipality

#### KAKHETI

**Gurjaani Public Service Hall** 14 Tamar Mepe str., Gurjaani

Lagodekhi Public Service Hall Zakatala Str. Lagodekhi

**Telavi Public Service Hall** 3 Erekle II square, Telavi

**Kvareli Public Service Hall** 3 Kudigora str., Kvareli

Sagarejo branch of PSDA 2 Japharidze str., Sagarejo

Akhmeta branch of PSDA 50 Cholokashvili str., Akhmeta

Arkhiloskalo Community Centre Arkhiloskalo village, Dedoplistskaro Municipality

**Iormughanlo Community Centre** Iormughanlo village, Sagarejo Municipality

Kabali Community Centre Kabali village, Lagodekhi Municipality

Kachreti Community Centre Kachreti village, Gurjaani Municipality

Kvareltskali Community Centre Kvareltskali village, Akhmeta Municipality

Nukriani Community Centre Nukriani village, Sighnaghi Municipality

Shashiani Community Centre Shashiani village, Gurjaani Municipality

Shilda Community Centre Shilda village, Kvareli Municipality

#### IMERETI

Kutaisi Public Service Hall 20 Ir. Abashidze str., Kutaisi **Baghdati branch of PSDA** 5 Vazha-Pshavela str., Baghdati

**Chiatura branch of PSDA** 7 Ninoshvili str., Chiatura

**Kharagauli branch of PSDA** 5 Dekanosidze str., Kharagauli

Khoni branch of PSDA 6a Tavisufleba square, Khoni

Sachkhere branch of PSDA 4 Tavisupleba str., Sachkhere Samtredia branch of PSDA 28 Rustaveli str., Samtredia

**Terjola branch of PSDA** 95 Rustaveli str., Terjola

**Tkibuli branch of PSDA** 12 Akhobadze str., Tkibuli

**Tskaltubo branch of PSDA** 25 Rustaveli str., Tskaltubo

Vani branch of PSDA 8 Tamar Mepe str., Vani

**Zestaphoni branch of PSDA** 4 Aghmashenebeli str., Zestaphoni

**Didi Jikhaishi Community Centre** Didi Jikhaishi village, Chiatura Municipality

**Geguti Community Centre** Geguti village, Tskaltubo Municipality

**Ghoresha Community Centre** Ghoresha village, Kharagauli Municipality

Khevi Community Centre Khevi village, Kharagauli Municipality

Khreiti Community Centre Khreiti village, Chiatura Municipality

**Kitskhi Community Centre** Kitskhi village, Kharagauli Municipality

#### Korbouli Community Centre

Korbouli village, Sachkhere Municipality

Shorapani Community Centre Shorapani village, Zestaphoni Municipality

**Usakhelo Community Centre** Usakhelo village, Chiatura Municipality

#### MTSKHETA-MTIANETI

**Kazbegi Public Service Hall** 49 Al. Kazbegi Str., Stepantsminda

Tianeti Public Service Hall Sanikidze Str., Tianeti

**Dusheti branch of PSDA** 27 Stalin str., Dusheti

**Mtskheta branch of PSDA** 17 Mukhrani str., Mtskheta

**Tianeti branch of PSDA** 8 Rustaveli str., Tianeti

#### RACHA-LECHKHUMI AND KVEMO SVANETI

**Oni Public Service Hall** 10 Vakhtang VI str., Oni

**Ambrolauri branch of PSDA** 24 David Aghmashenebeli str., Ambrolauri

**Tsageri branch of PSDA** 69 Rustaveli str., Tsageri

Lajana Community Centre Lajana village, Tsageri Municipality

Lentekhi Community Centre Lentekhi settlement, Lentekhi Municipality

#### SAMEGRELO – ZEMO SVANETI

Zugdidi Public Service Hall 2 Theatre str., Zugdidi

Poti Public Service Hall 26 Rustaveli circle. Poti

Mestia Public Service Hall 1 I. Gabliani str., Mestia

Abasha branch of PSDA 1 Ucha Kacharava str., Abasha

Martvili branch of PSDA 14 Tavisupleba str., Martvili

Senaki branch of PSDA 11 Tsminda Nino str., Senaki

Tsalenjikha branch of PSDA 49 Tamar Mepe str., Tsalenjikha

Khobi branch of PSDA 92 Tsotne Dadiani str., Khobi

Chaladidi Community Centre Chaladidi village, Khobi Municipality

Jvari Community Centre Jvari village, Tsaleniikha Municipality

**Orsantia Community Centre** Orsantia village, Zugdidi Municipality

Rukhi Community Centre Rukhi village, Zugdidi Municipality

#### SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI

Akhaltsikhe Public Service Hall Tamarashvili str., Akhaltsikhe

**Borjomi Public Service Hall** Kostava str., Borjomi

Adigeni branch of PSDA 19 A. Balakhashvili str., Adigeni Aspindza branch of PSDA 117 Vardzia str., Aspindza

Akhalkalaki branch of PSDA 44 Tamar Mepe str., Akhalkalaki

Ninotsminda branch of PSDA 43 Pushkin str., Ninotsminda

**Baraleti Community Centre** Baraleti village, Akhaltsikhe Municipality

Kumurdo Community Centre Kumurdo village, Akhalkalaki Municipality

Phoka Community Centre Phoka village, Ninotsminda Municipality

Vale Community Centre Vale village, Akhaltsikhe Municipality

#### KVEMO KARTLI

Rustavi Public Service Hall 29 Khalkhta Megobroba square, Rustavi

Marneuli Public Service Hall 1 Rustaveli str., Marneuli

Bolnisi branch of PSDA 106 Sulkhan-Saba str., Bolnisi

Gardabani branch of PSDA 1 Leselidze str., Gardabani

Dmanisi branch of PSDA 42 Tsminda Nino str., Dmanisi

Tetritskaro branch of PSDA 36 Tamar Mepe str., Tetritskaro

Kazreti Community Centre Kazreti village, Bolnisi Municipality

Koda Community Centre Koda village, Tetritskaro Municipality

Manglisi Community Centre Manglisi village, Tetritskaro Municipality Martkopi Community Centre Gardabani settlemennt, Gardabani Municipality

Sadakhlo Community Centre Sadakhlo village. Marneuli Municipality

Sartichala Community Centre Sartichala village, Gardabani Municipality

Tsalka Community Centre Tsalia settlement, Tsalka Municipality

#### SHIDA KARTLI

Gori Public Service Hall 5 D. Guramishvili str., Gori

Kaspi Branch of PSDA 80 David Adhmashenebeli str., Kaspi

For the consultancy regarding potential migrants and re-integration of returned migrants please contact the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories. Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia (15a Tamarashvili str., Tbilisi, Tel.: +995 322 600 955) and the Mobility Centres:

#### MOBILITY CENTRE IN TBILISI

Address: 19 T. Abuladze str., Tbilisi Tel.: +995 322 252 216 Fax: +995 322 252 217

#### MOBILITY CENTRE IN KUTAISI

Address: 63 A. Tsereteli str., Kutaisi Tel.: +995 431 244 433; +995 431 234 416; +995 431 235 383

#### MOBILITY CENTRE IN TELAVI

Address: 8 Erekle II str., Telavi Telavi Municipality building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor **Tel.:** +995 350 270 872

#### **MOBILITY CENTRE IN BATUMI**

Address: 63 King Pharnavaz Str. Batumi Tel.: +995 577 520 015; +995 422 228 883

Mobility Centres operate under the EU supported Project - Reinforcing the Capacities of the Government of Georgia in Border and Migration Management implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

#### Kareli Branch of PSDA

24 Stalin str., Kareli

#### Khashuri Branch of PSDA

7 Kostava str., Khashuri

#### Berdzenauli Community Centre

Berdzenauli village, Kareli Municipality

#### **Gomi Community Centre**

Gomi village, Khashuri Municipality

#### Mejvriskhevi Community Centre

Mejvriskhevi village, Gori Municipality

#### **Ruisi Community Centre**

Ruisi village, Kareli Municipality

#### **Tkviavi Community Centre**

Tkviavi village, Gori Municipality

# GEORGIA'S DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES ABROAD

of Vanuatu, Tuvalu

Georgia's diplomatic missions and consular services abroad, within the boundaries of their respective consular districts are responsible for: issuing Georgian visa, providing consultancy and legal protection, solicitation, consular registration and legalization, issuing the document for return to Georgia, releasing notary acts, etc. As part of the delegated authority, they register Georgian citizens, provide registration of legal acts, and issue passports and ID documents.

➡ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA		
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Argentina, Republic of Chile, Republic of Paraguay, The Eastern Republic of Uruguay, Republic of Ecuador, Multinational State of Bolivia	Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina Address: 14 de Julio 1656 (C.A.B.A) Buenos Aires Telephone: +54 911 4554 5176 Email: <u>buenosaires.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.argentina.mfa.gov.ge</u>	
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA		
Covers following countries/territories: Republic of Armenia	Location: Yerevan, Armenia Address: Babayan Str. 2/10, 0037 Yerevan Telephone: +374 10 200 742 +374 10 200 738 Mobile: +374 77 163 377 Fax: +374 10 200 738 Email: yerevan.emb@mfa.gov.ge erevancon@mfa.gov.ge Website: www.armenia.mfa.gov.ge	
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA		
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Independent State of Samoa, the Republic of Fiji, Solomon Islands, the Republic	Location: Canberra, Australia Address: 28 Kareelah Vista, O'Malley, Canberra ACT 2606	

For visa purposes:Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Nauru,<br/>Kingdom of TongaTelephone: +61 2 616 201 26<br/>Fax: +61 2 616 201 25<br/>Email: <a href="mailto:canberra.emb@mfa.gov.ge">canberra.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a><br/>Website: <a href="mailto:www.australia.mfa.gov.ge">www.australia.mfa.gov.ge</a>

→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA		
Covers following countries/territories: Republic of Austria	Location: Vienna, Austria Address: Doblhoffgasse 5/5, A-1010 Wien, Osterreich Telephone: + 43 1 403 98 48 Fax: +43 1 403 98 48 20 Email: vienna@geomission.at Website: www.austria.mfa.gov.ge Consulate: Telephone: +43 1 710 36 11	
	Fax: +43 1 710 36 10 Email: consulate@geomission.at	

→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN	
	Location: Baku, Azerbaijan
Covers following countries/territories: Baku, Sumqayit, Shir-	Address: 13-15/ Baku City, Yashar Huseynov
van, Lankaran, Absheron, Naftalan, Aghjabadi, Agdam, Ag-	Str. N15, Narimanov District, AZ1069
dash, Agsu, Astara, Barda, Bilasuvar, Jabrayil, Jalilabad,	
Davachi, Goychay, Hajigabul, Khachmaz, Khizi, Khojavend,	Telephone: +994 12 497 4560
Imishli, Ismailli, Kurdamir, Qabala, Qobustan, Quba, Qubadli,	Hotline: +994 50 250 07 16
Qusar, Lerik, Lenkaran, Masalli, Neftchala, Oguz, Saatly, Sa-	Fax: +994 12 497 4561
birabad, Salyan, Siazan, Shamakhy, Tartar, Ujar, Yardımlı,	Email : <u>bakuemb@mfa.gov.ge</u>
Zangilan, Zardab, Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic	bakucon@mfa.gov.ge
	Website: <u>www.azerbaijan.mfa.gov.ge</u>

#### CONSULATE GENERAL OF GEORGIA IN GANJA, REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

	Location: Ganja, Azerbaijan
	Address: Nizami District, Hasan Aliyev Str.
Covers following countries/territories: Ganja, Mingechauri	N60, Ganja
City, Aghstaf, Kazakh, Tovuz, Shamkor, Gedabei, Dashke-	
san, Geigel, Samukh, Goranboi, Evlakh, Shek, Kakh, Zakata-	Telephone: +994 50 271 1205
la and Belakani districts	Hotline: +994 50 271 1205
	Fax: +994 22 256 2138
	Email: ganja.con@mfa.gov.ge
	Website: <u>www.azerbaijan.mfa.gov.ge</u>

→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	
	Location: Minsk, Republic of Belarus Address: 4 Liberty sq. 4, Minsk, 220030
Covers following countries/territories: Republic of Belarus	Telephone: +375 17 327 6219 Fax: +375 17 327 6193 Email: <u>minsk.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> <u>minsk.con@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.belarus.mfa.gov.ge</u>
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM	

	Location: Brussels, Belgium Address: Rue Père Eudore Devroye 245, 1150 Woluwe Saint Pierre
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Kingdom of Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Telephone: +32 2 761 1190 Fax: +32 2 761 1199 Email: belgium.emb@mfa.gov.ge Website: http://belgium.mfa.gov.ge/
	Consulate Fax: +32 2 732 85 47 Telephone: +32 2 732 8550 +32 2 280 6686 Email: belgium.consulate@mfa.gov.ge

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL	
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Federal Republic of Brazil, Republic of Peru, Republic of Surinam, Republic of Co- Iombia, Co-operative Republic of Guyana	Location: Brazil, Federal Republic of Brazil Address: QI 07 conj. 11 casa 01 Lago Sul CEP 71.615-310
<b>For visa purposes:</b> Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Bolivar- ian Republic of Venezuela	Telephone: +55 61 3366 1101 Fax: +55 61 3366 1161 Email: <u>brazil.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.brazil.mfa.gov.ge</u>

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA	
	Location: Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia Address: 65 Krichim str., Lozenets Sofia 1164
Covers following countries/territories: Republic of Bulgaria	Telephone: +359 2 868 5404 Hotline: +359 895 411 567 Fax: +359 2 868 3427 Email: <u>bulgaria.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> <u>emamrikishvili@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: www.bulgaria.mfa.gov.ge

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN CANADA	
	Location: Ottawa, Canada Address: 350 Albert street, suite 2010 Ottawa
Covers following countries/territories: Canada	Telephone: +1 613 421 0460 Hotline: +1 613 316 0429 Fax: +1 613 680 0329 Email: <u>ottawa.emb@mfa.gov</u> <u>kmarkozia@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.canada.mfa.gov.ge</u>

EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHIN
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<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> People's Republic of China, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mongolia	Location: Beijing, China Address: G-38, Jing Run Garden Villas, № 18 Xiaoyun Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100125
<b>For visa purposes:</b> People's Democratic Republic of Korea, People's Democratic Republic of Laos	Telephone: + 86 10 6468 1203 Fax: + 86 10 6468 1202 Email: <u>china.con@mfa.gov.ge</u> <u>china.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.china.mfa.gov.ge</u>

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE	REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
	Location: Nicosia, Cyprus Address: Themistocles Dervis 46, 1066, Nicosia
Covers following countries/territories: Republic of Cyprus	Telephone: +357 22 357 327 Fax: +357 22 357 307 Email: <u>cyprus.emb@mfa.gov.ge</u> Website: <u>www.cyprus.mfa.gov.ge</u>

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC	
	Location: Prague, Czech Republic Address: Mlynska 22/4, 160 00 Prague 6
Covers following countries/territories: Czech Republic	Telephone: +420 233 931 299 +420 233 311 749 Mobile: +420 777 222 053 Fax: +420 233 311 752 Email: prague.emb@mfa.gov.ge t.purtseladze@mfa.gov.ge Website: http://czech.mfa.gov.ge

← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE	KINGDOM OF DENMARK
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Kingdom of Denmark, Republic of Iceland	Location: Kingdom of Denmark, Copenhagen Address: Nybrogade 10, 1st floor, 1203 Copenhagen Telephone: +45 39 110 002 Mobile: +45 27 327 758 Fax: +45 39 110 001 Email: copenhagen.emb@mfa.gov.ge sotiashvili@mfa.gov.ge Website: www.denmark.mfa.gov.ge
← EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE A	RAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Arab Republic of Egypt Syrian Arab Republic, Republic of Tunisia, State of Libya.	Location: Cairo, Egypt Address: 11 Tanta Street, Aswan Square, Mohandessin, Giza, Cairo
<b>For visa purposes:</b> Republic of Angola, Republic of Benin, Burkina Faso, Republic of Burundi, Republic of Cameroon, Republic of Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Republic of Chad, Union of the Comoros, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Republic of Equatorial Guinea, State of Eritrea, Gabonese Republic, Republic of the Gambia, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Liberia, The Republic of Malawi, Republic of Mali, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Republic of Namibia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of South Sudan, Republic of Sudan, Kingdom of Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togolese Republic, Republic of Uganda	Telephone: +202 330 44 768 / 98 Hotline: +20 10 110 888 44 Fax: +202 330 44 778 Email: <u>cairocon@mfa.gov.ge</u> cairoemb@mfa.gov.ge Website: <u>www.egypt.mfa.gov.ge</u>

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Gambia, Republic of Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Liberia, the Republic of Malawi, Republic of Mali, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Republic of Namibia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Republic of Rwanda, Democratic Republic of S <sup>3</sup> Tomé and Príncipe, Republic of Senegal, Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of South Sudan, Republic of Sudan, Kingdom of Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Togolese Republic, Republic of Uganda	Email: <u>addisababa.emb@mfa.gov</u> Website: <u>www.ethiopia.mfa.gov.ge</u>
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE	REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Republic of Estonia	Location: Tallin, Estonia Address: Viru-valjak 2 (Metro Plaza) Telephone: +372 2 69 88 590 +372 2 69 88 594 Consulate: +372 2 69 88 593 Fax: +372 2 64 13 000 Email: Tallinn.emb@mfa.gov.ge Website: www.estonia.mfa.gov.ge
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE	REPUBLIC OF FINLAND
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> Republic of Finland	Location: Helsinki, Finland Address: Itainen Teatterikuja 1 E 29 Telephone: +358 9 278 3031 Fax: +358 9 68 77 15 03 Email: helsinki.emb@mfa.gov.ge Website: www.finland.mfa.gov.ge

#### EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

Covers following countries/territories: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Republic of Djibouti, Republic of Seychelles, Federal Republic of Somalia, Republic of Kenya

#### For visa purposes:

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#### **MIGRANT'S GLOSSARY**

**admission** - The granting of entry into a state. An alien has been "admitted" if she/he passed through a checkpoint (air, land or sea) and is permitted to enter by border officials. An alien who has entered clandestinely is not considered to have been admitted.

**assisted voluntary return** - logistical and financial support to rejected asylum seekers, trafficked migrants, stranded students, qualified nationals and other migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host country who volunteer to return to their countries of origin.

**asylum seeker**- Person seeking to be admitted into a country as refugees and awaiting decision on their application for refugee status under relevant international and national instruments. In case of a negative decision, the asylum seeker must leave the country and may be expelled, as may any alien in an irregular situation, unless permission to stay is provided on humanitarian or other related grounds.

**border checkpoint** - A location (on the land border or at an airport or seaport) where persons are stopped by border officials for inspection and clearance, in order to enter the state.

country of origin - The country that is a source of migratory flows (legal or illegal).

country of transit - The country through which migratory flows (legal or illegal) move.

country of destination - The country that is a destination for migratory flows (legal or illegal).

**emigration** - An act of departing or exiting from one state with a view to settle in another. International human rights norms provide that all persons should be free to leave any country, including their own, and that only in very limited circumstances may states impose restrictions on the individual's right to leave its territory.

**expulsion (deportation)** - The act by an authority of the State with the intention and with the effect of securing the removal of a person or persons (aliens or stateless persons) against their will from the territory of that state.

**fraudulent document** - Any travel or identity document that has been falsely made or altered in some material way by anyone other than a person or agency lawfully authorized to make or issue the travel or identity document on behalf of a state; or that has been improperly issued or obtained through misrepresentation, corruption or duress or in any other unlawful manner; or that is being used by a person other than the rightful holder.

**holding (reception) centre** - A facility lodging asylum seekers or migrants in an irregular situation as soon as they arrive in a receiving country; their status is determined before they are sent to refugee camps or back to their country of origin.

**illegal entry** - Act of crossing borders without complying with the necessary requirements for legal entry into the receiving State.

immigration - A process by which non-nationals move into a country for the purpose of settlement.

**international minimum standard** – A state is required to observe minimum standards set by international law with respect to treatment of aliens present on its territory (or the property of such persons), (e.g. denial of justice, unwarranted delay or obstruction of access to courts are in breach of international minimum standards required by international law). There are instances when rights granted under the international minimum standard are higher than the standards set by a state to its own nationals.

**irregular (illegal) migration** - Movement that takes place outside the regulatory norms of the sending, transit and receiving countries. There is no clear or universally accepted definition of irregular migration. From the perspective of destination countries it is illegal entry, stay or work in a country, meaning that the migrant does not have the necessary authorization or documents required under immigration regulations to enter, reside or work in a given country. From the perspective of the sending country, the irregularity is for example seen in cases in which a person crosses an international boundary without a valid passport or travel document or does not fulfil the administrative requirements for leaving the country.

**labour migration** - Movement of persons from their home state to another state for the purpose of employment. Labour migration is addressed by most states in their migration laws. In addition, some states take an active role in regulating outward labour migration and seeking opportunities for their nationals abroad.

**migrant** - At the international level, no universally accepted definition of migrant exists. The term migrant is usually understood to cover all cases where the decision to migrate is taken freely by the individual concerned for reasons of "personal convenience" and without intervention of an external compelling factor. This term therefore applies to persons, and family members, moving to another country or region to better their material or social conditions and improve the prospect for themselves or their family.

**non-refoulement** - A principle laid down in the Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, 1951 according to which "no Contracting State shall expel or return ("refouler") a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." This principle cannot be "claimed by a refugee, whom there are reasonable grounds for regarding as a danger to the security of the country in which he is, or who, having been convicted by a final judgment of a particularly serious crime, constitutes a danger to the community of that country."

**readmission** - Act by a state accepting the re-entry of an individual (own national, third-country national or stateless person), who has been found illegally entering or being present in another state.

**receiving (host) country** – A country of destination or a third country. In the case of return or repatriation, also the country of origin.

**seasonal worker** - A migrant worker whose work by its character is dependent on seasonal conditions and is performed only during part of the year.

**travel documents** - Generic term used to encompass all documents which are acceptable proof of identity for the purpose of entering another country. Passports and visas are the most widely used forms of travel documents. Some states also accept certain identity cards or other documents.

**xenophobia** - At the international level, no universally accepted definition of xenophobia exists, though it can be described as attitudes, prejudices and behaviour that reject, exclude and often vilify persons, based on the perception that they are outsiders or foreigners to the community, society or national identity. There is a close link between racism and xenophobia, two terms that are hard to differentiate from each other.

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