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## ABOUT THE GUIDEBOOK

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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 the support of the European Union to raise migrants' awareness. The State Commission on Migration Issues (SCMI) is leading the work in this direction. The Commission developed the concept of information campaign titled "Legal Migration – The Best Choice." The concept envisages organization of various types of awareness raising events with the active involvement of SCMI member line ministries, international, and non-governmental organizations. Development of this guidebook is also part of the information campaign and is meant to provide useful information to potential and actual immigrants, and to other persons interested in the field.

Up to now, for migrants, the only sources of information regarding the procedures and norms regulating legal immigration to Georgia were the websites of various state agencies and provisions scattered in different legislative acts and regulations. This type of information is hardly exhaustive, accessible or written in simple language. This guidebook has been developed to fill in this gap. It puts together a whole range of practical information on the documents necessary for foreign citizens staying in Georgia, procedures for obtaining these documents and relevant status, and regulations of legal movement.

We believe that the guidebook will serve as a useful tool for immigrants, as well as others interested in the field, helping them 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.

# GETTING SETTLED IN GEORGIA

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 survivals. 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 subsequent centuries, however, wars against invasions of Mongols, and later against Persian and Ottoman Empires, extremely weakened the Georgian state. In the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Georgia was fully annexed by the Russian Empire. In 1918, Georgia

Georgia: Key Facts <sup>1</sup>	
Area	69,700 sq. km
Land borders	1,814 km
Bordering countries	Armenia (219 km)
	Azerbaijan (428 km)
	Turkey (273 km)
	Russia (894 km)
Coastline	310 km
Population	3,729,500 (as of Jan 1, 2015)
Ethnic composition (2002 census data)	Georgian 83.8%
	Azerbaijani 6.5%
	Armenian 5.7%
	Russian 1.5%
	Other 2.5%
Capital	Tbilisi
Population of the capital	1,118,300 (as of Jan 1, 2015)
State languages	Georgian, Abkhaz (in the Autonomous republic of Abkhazia)
Population growth rate	- 0.11% (2014 data)
Urban population	57.4% (as of Jan 1, 2015)

succeeded in regaining independence for a short period of time, but in 1921 it was again occupied by the Bolshevik Russia and incorporated into the USSR. Having regained its independence when the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, Georgia, like many post-Soviet republics, had to confront economic hardship and civil conflicts. These processes 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>1</sup>Source: National Statistics Office of Georgia [www.geostat.ge](http://www.geostat.ge); Government of Georgia [www.government.gov.ge](http://www.government.gov.ge).

## **Political system and the form of government**

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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 the supreme representative body elected for four years. Independent courts represent the third, judicial branch of the government. Authority and responsibilities of the local self-governance bodies have expanded significantly as a result of the recent self-governance reform package.

## **Georgia's economy and taxes**

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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 access to and an opportunity to get engaged in the economic processes. The economic policy of the Georgian government is based upon the principles and values of the free market.

According to the National Statistics Office of Georgia (Geostat), Georgia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) exceeded USD 16.5 billion in 2014, whilst GDP per capita comprised USD 3,689. 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. It is noteworthy that 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.

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. For example, Georgia is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the 2015 World Bank Doing Business Index. Procedures for starting a business, registering property, and obtaining various permissions and licenses have been significantly simplified in Georgia. In particular, according to the Index, Georgia is among top fifteen countries in the world by the following indicators: property registration (1<sup>st</sup> place),

dealing with construction permits (3<sup>rd</sup> place), getting credit (7<sup>th</sup> place), and starting a business (5<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 ([www.napr.gov.ge](http://www.napr.gov.ge)), the Public Service Hall ([www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge)), and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia ([www.economy.ge](http://www.economy.ge)).

Georgia has improved its position in the World Economic Forum's 2014-2015 Global Competitiveness Index by 19 steps compared to 2011-2012 (88<sup>th</sup> place) and by three steps compared to 2013-2014 (72<sup>nd</sup> place) and shifted to the 69<sup>th</sup> place among 144 countries. Georgia's positions improved in the areas such as institutional development, macroeconomic environment, business environment, and judiciary. World Economic Forum's Index is based on surveys and interviews conducted among the representatives of the private sector and entrepreneurs.

Yet another noteworthy development is that in August 2014, Moody's Investors Service changed the outlook on Georgia's sovereign rating from "stable" to "positive." Signing the Agreement on Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) as well as improved institutional capacities and economic governance have incited this positive change.

The World Index of Economic Freedom compiled by the Frazer Institute also improved Georgia's rating by 5 steps, shifting the country to the 16<sup>th</sup> place from the 21<sup>st</sup> among 152 states.

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 - [www.rs.ge](http://www.rs.ge).

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 representatives of the large operators' offices and smaller exchange bureaus in the streets.

Georgian national currency is Georgian Lari (GEL).



## People and language



By tradition, Georgia is an orthodox Christian country. Christianity was spread as early as in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Despite this, 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 Constitution of Georgia.

**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](http://www.government.gov.ge).

**Safety:** 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.

### 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 system

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 programmes 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 a website [www.kids.org.ge](http://www.kids.org.ge); the registration of children in primary schools across the country is carried out through the education management information system ([www.emis.ge](http://www.emis.ge)). Foreign citizens can also use these registration services. The registration in private kindergartens and schools is carried out on individual basis.

Admission of students to higher educational institutions is also a centralized process administered by the National Examinations Centre ([www.naec.ge](http://www.naec.ge)). Normally, foreign citizens are not required to sit the national exams. They 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: [www.edu-guide.ge](http://www.edu-guide.ge). A list of private schools can be viewed at: [www.edu-child.ge](http://www.edu-child.ge).

**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 [www.eqe.ge](http://www.eqe.ge).

Healthcare

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: <http://cloud.moh.gov.ge>. Additional information on physicians, blood bank, and pharmacies can be accessed on the portal upon registering.

Healthcare: Key Facts <sup>1</sup>	
Average life expectancy	75,2 years
Hospital bed density per 1000 population	11,6 (2013 data)
Physicians density per 1000 population	22,4 (2013 data)

Several large insurance companies operating in Georgia offer various health insurance coverage packages to consumers. The information about these companies is available on the website of Georgian Insurance Association: [www.insurance.org.ge](http://www.insurance.org.ge).



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<sup>1</sup> Source: National Statistics Office of Georgia. [www.geostat.ge](http://www.geostat.ge)

## 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.



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 five 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 to 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 tourism purposes;

**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 for 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 programme;

**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](http://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.

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

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

other necessary documents; while an online application submitted through the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia [www.evisa.gov.ge](http://www.evisa.gov.ge) (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

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

Documents required for extending short-term diplomatic and special visas shall be submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, while the documents for extending D3 and D5 category immigration visas 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 justified 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: [www.geoconsul.gov.ge](http://www.geoconsul.gov.ge); [www.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.mfa.gov.ge); [www.evisa.gov.ge](http://www.evisa.gov.ge).



## WHO CAN TRAVEL VISA-FREE TO GEORGIA

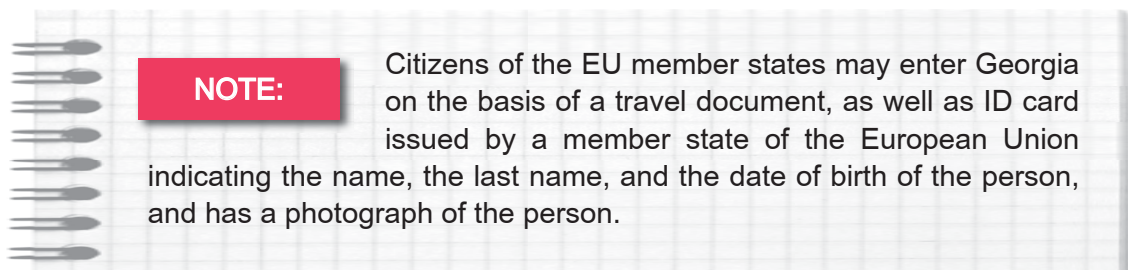
Under the international treaties and other legal acts of Georgia, citizens of certain countries can enter Georgia without a visa.

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
3	Antigua and Barbuda	35	France
4	Argentina	36	French Polynesia and New Caledonia
5	Armenia	37	Germany
6	Aruba and Netherlands Antilles	38	Greece
7	Australia	39	Holy See
8	Austria	40	Honduras
9	Azerbaijan	41	Hungary
10	Bahamas	42	Iceland
11	Bahrain	43	Italy
12	Barbados	44	Ireland
13	Belarus	45	Israel
14	Belgium	46	Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man
15	Belize	47	Japan
16	Bermuda Islands, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Falkland Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, Gibraltar	48	Kazakhstan
17	Bosnia and Herzegovina	49	Korea
18	Botswana	50	Kuwait
19	Brazil	51	Kyrgyzstan
20	Brunei Darussalam	52	Latvia
21	Bulgaria	53	Lebanon
22	Canada	54	Liechtenstein
23	Colombia	55	Lithuania
24	Costa Rica	56	Luxembourg
25	Croatia	57	Malaysia
26	Czech Republic	58	Malta
27	Cyprus	59	Mauritius
28	Denmark	60	Mexico
29	Dominican Republic	61	Moldova
30	Ecuador	62	Monaco
31	El Salvador	63	Montenegro
32	Estonia	64	Netherlands
		65	New Zealand
		66	Norway

67	Oman
68	Panama
69	Poland
70	Portugal
71	Qatar
72	Romania
73	Russian Federation
74	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
75	San Marino
76	Saudi Arabia
77	Serbia
78	Seychelles
79	Singapore
80	Slovakia
81	Slovenia

82	South Africa
83	Spain
84	Sweden
85	Switzerland
86	Tajikistan
87	Thailand
88	Turkey
89	Turkmenistan
90	Ukraine
91	United Arab Emirates
92	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
93	United States of America
94	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.




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## Countries whose visa or residence permit holders can travel visa-free to Georgia

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:

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	Cyprus
10	Denmark
11	Estonia
12	Faroe Islands and Greenland
13	Finland
14	France
15	French Polynesia and New Caledonia
16	Germany
17	Greece
18	Hungary
19	Ireland
20	Iceland
21	Israel
22	Italy
23	Japan
24	Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man

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

### NOTE:

For the purpose of entering 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.



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## RESIDENCE PERMIT AND RESIDENCE CARD

**Residence permit** authorizes the right of 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: <https://services.sda.gov.ge>. An application and enclosed documents submitted to authorized entities must be in Georgian. However, an application completed in English and/or Russian may also be processed. Moreover, a foreign

citizen's passport may 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>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>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>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 six years. If the person lived in Georgia for educational purposes or medical treatment or spent some time working at the diplomatic mission or at an equivalent representative office, this period cannot be counted towards the pre-requisite six-year term;
- **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.

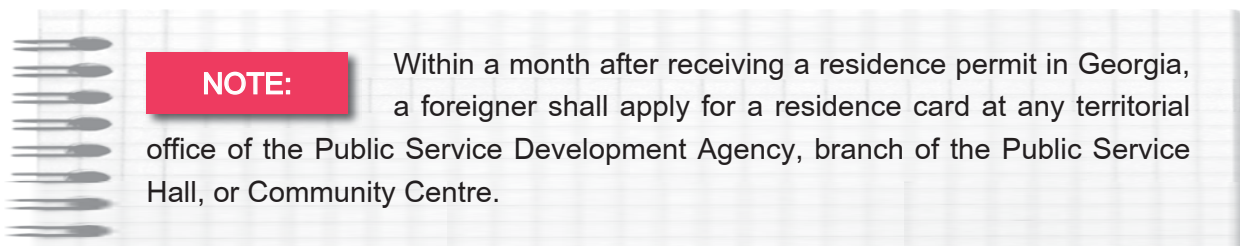
A foreigner legally staying in Georgia and having any of the above-listed residence permits, has the right to receive the other type of residence permit in case he/she meets the requirements set for receiving the latter.

Study, work, family reunification, special, temporary and short-term 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.

**Investment residence permit, permanent residence permit, and residence permit of stateless person are issued for an indefinite term.** A residence permit of stateless person is issued for an indefinite term only to those persons whose Georgian citizenship has been terminated through renunciation, or to persons who had permanently resided in Georgia by 31 March 1993, were not recognized as citizens of Georgia and after 31 March 1993 maintained their permanent registration in Georgia.

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 be issued in accelerated manner; for detailed information on the fast-track service visit the websites: [www.sda.gov.ge](http://www.sda.gov.ge); [www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge).

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: [www.sda.gov.ge](http://www.sda.gov.ge); [www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge); [www.centri.gov.ge](http://www.centri.gov.ge).





## 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 <http://intpass.cra.ge/>.

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.

### NOTE:

A Certificate of the Compatriot Residing Abroad is issued for 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.

The status of a compatriot concedes the **following privileges**:

- Upon the approval of the International Sports Federation, the status holder 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 that requires Georgian visa, 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: [www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge);  
<http://intpass.cra.ge/ComPatriotPassportDefault.aspx>.



## 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 (less than 18 years) is considered only if the application is 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 status-seeker's stay in Georgia without the legal grounds is considered admissible. 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.

**A temporary identity card** is a certificate of an identity, which is issued to an asylum seeker, a seeker of a status of stateless person in Georgia, and other persons as prescribed by the law.



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. In standard cases, temporary residence permit and residence card are issued for the period of 3 years. These documents are issued for an indefinite term to persons who have been renounced the Georgian citizenship, persons who had permanently resided in Georgia by 31 March 1993, were not recognized as citizens of Georgia and after 31 March 1993 maintained their permanent registration in Georgia.

After acquiring a residence permit, a stateless person can obtain a **travel passport** 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 corresponding documents is available on the websites: [www.sda.gov.ge](http://www.sda.gov.ge); [www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge); [www.centri.gov.ge](http://www.centri.gov.ge).



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## POSTPONING THE OBLIGATION TO LEAVE

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

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 will endanger 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 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 the 3 calendar days after the submission of the request.

**NOTE:**

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. The fine for staying for 3 months after the expiry of the term of legal stay is GEL 180; if the person stays longer than 3 months the fine is GEL 360. A person will be denied the entry and will not be issued a Georgian visa until he/she pays the administrative fine for overstaying. In addition to the fine, a person who has been subject to expulsion is banned to enter 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.

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 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: <http://intpass.cra.ge/>.

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;
- The statement on the determination of Georgian citizenship is requested.

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

## Granting Georgian citizenship

Georgian citizenship can be acquired by naturalization. The decision to grant Georgian citizenship to a person is taken by the President of Georgia. The decision is authorized 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 to legally and uninterruptedly reside in Georgia for at least 5 years prior to the submission of application. A document certifying a legal and uninterrupted stay in Georgia is a Georgian visa, residence permit or card, stamp bearing the date certifying the crossing the Georgian state border;
2. Should know the state language to the pre-defined level. Georgian language skills are examined by a special commission through testing;
3. Should know Georgia's history and the basis of Georgian legislation. 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 with 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 who has not acquired Georgian citizenship at birth is granted the citizenship with an ordinary procedure, if one of his/her parents is a Georgian citizen or if the underage person is adopted by a Georgian citizen.

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

To be granted Georgian citizenship with the ordinary procedure, a foreign citizen can apply to the authorized body. Presidential order on granting Georgian citizenship to a foreign citizen comes into effect as soon as the competent state authorities in Georgia receive a document certifying the renunciation of foreign citizenship by that person.

**Georgian citizenship** shall be granted **by simplified procedure** to a person married to a Georgian citizen who has been legally and uninterruptedly residing 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 legislation.

**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 renunciation of the 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 waived 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 offices of the Public Service Development Agency, branches of the Public Service Hall, or Community Centres. 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 competent state authorities receive a document certifying the renunciation of the foreign citizenship by that person.

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

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





## REFUGEE AND HUMANITARIAN STATUS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

**Refugee status** is granted to a person who is neither a Georgian citizen nor stateless person permanently residing in Georgia, is on the territory of Georgia and has well-grounded fears that he/she might be persecuted on the grounds of race, religion, national identity, membership of a social group or political opinion and owing to such fears is not able or willing to return to his/her country of origin or avail him/herself of the protection of his/her country.

If a person who is legally staying in Georgia, seeks a status of a refugee, he/she must apply to the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia in writing in person.<sup>1</sup>

**Humanitarian status** is granted to a person who is neither a Georgian citizen nor stateless person permanently residing in Georgia and who:

- Was forced to leave his/her country of origin due to violence, external aggression, occupation, internal conflicts, mass violation of human rights or significant breach of public order;
- Under international legal obligations assumed by Georgia, cannot be returned to his/her country and cannot travel to another country; these obligations derive from Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights (prohibition of torture, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment) and other obligations under international human rights treaties prohibiting expulsion of a person from a country;
- Cannot return to the country of origin because his/her life, safety, and human rights may be seriously endangered;
- Was forced to move inside Georgia, but is not eligible to the refugee status according to the Law of Georgia on Internally Displaced Persons;
- Entered Georgia from a neighbouring country of origin due to a disaster occurred there;
- Requires other justified humanitarian assistance.

Humanitarian status is granted for **1 year** and may be extended if the grounds that served as a basis still exist.

Seeking an asylum is a direct or indirect, oral or written expression of the wish of a person to seek legal protection in Georgia on the grounds similar to those listed above for granting a refugee or humanitarian status.

In case of illegal crossing of the Georgian state border, a person **shall, within 24 hours**, apply to the very first state entity with the request to be granted an asylum. Request for granting an asylum received

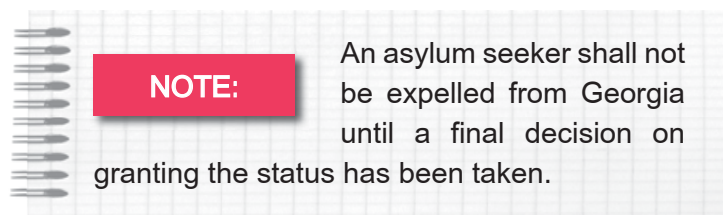
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<sup>1</sup> See the contact information on the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia on page 35.

by any state entity must be put in writing and a copy should be sent to the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia within 3 days.

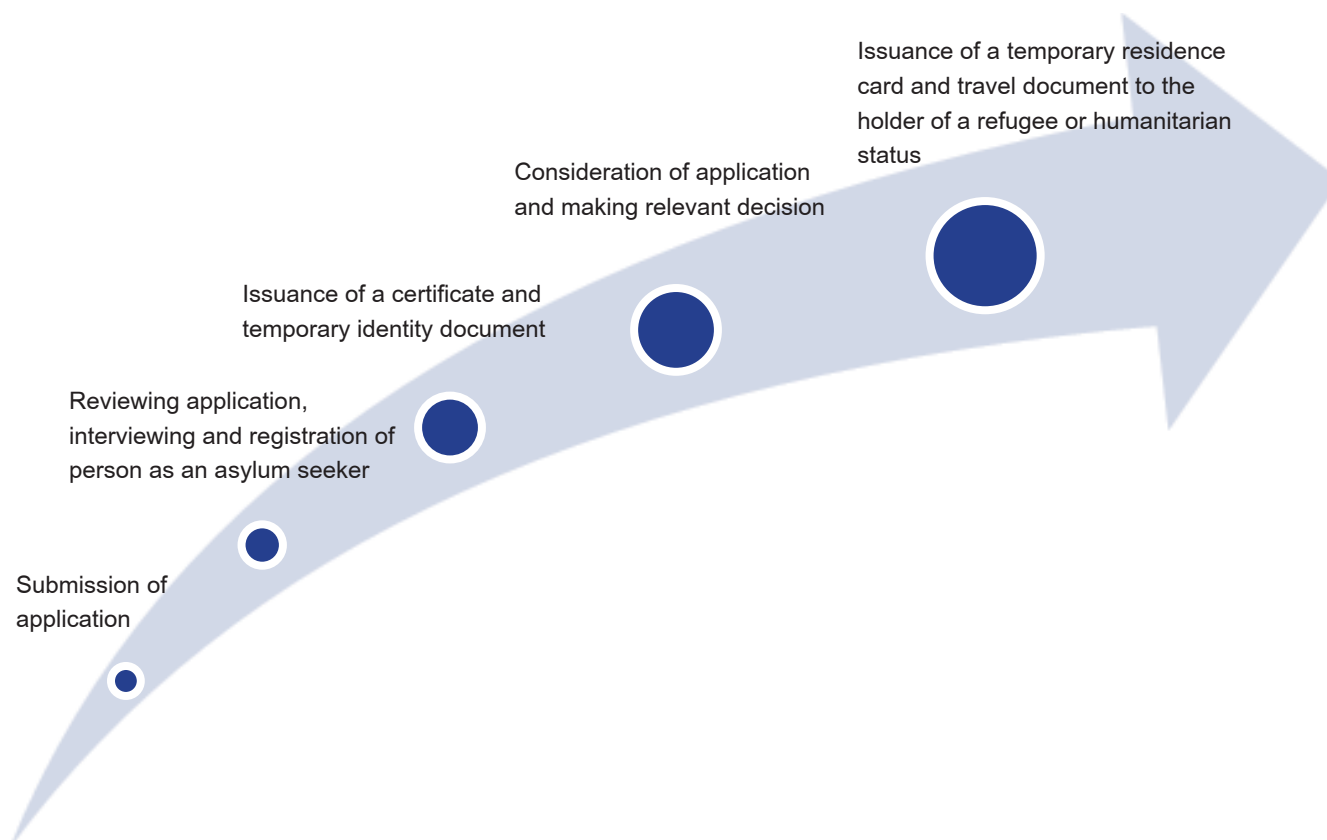
A preliminary review of the application is conducted within 10 days and a decision is taken on either registering a person as an asylum seeker or denying the registration.

An asylum seeker is issued a **temporary identity certificate** for 1 year. This document enables the asylum seeker to exercise the rights to education, medical, and social assistance, employment and other rights.



The Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia reviews the application within 6 months after the registration of an asylum seeker. This term may be extended for up to 3 months. The applicant should be informed about such extension in writing.

The procedure of granting the refugee or humanitarian status includes the following stages:





After granting a refugee or humanitarian status, the person receives a **temporary residence card**. The residence card of the person with the humanitarian status is issued for the period of validity of the humanitarian status, while the holder of the refugee status receives the document valid for 3 years.

A person with a refugee status shall also be issued a travel document, as specified in the 1951 UN Refugee Convention.

To obtain a temporary residence card or a travel document, a holder of the refugee status must apply to any territorial office of the Public Service Development Agency, branch of the Public Service Hall, or Community Centre.

A travel document of a refugee is issued **for free within 10 working days** for a term of 2 years.

A holder of a refugee or humanitarian status is entitled:

- To return to the country of origin or travel to another country;
- To have access to the state-funded medical service;
- To the social assistance;
- To apply for Georgian citizenship;
- To enjoy other rights granted to foreign citizens under the Georgian legislation.

**NOTE:**

A holder of the refugee or humanitarian status shall notify the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia in advance in case he/she changes address; he/she should also re-register with the Ministry on annual basis.

For additional information on the acquisition of the refugee or humanitarian status and issuance of corresponding documents, please visit the following websites: [www.mra.gov.ge](http://www.mra.gov.ge); [www.sda.gov.ge](http://www.sda.gov.ge) [www.psh.gov.ge](http://www.psh.gov.ge).

## 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, in 2013, 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: [www.migration.commission.ge](http://www.migration.commission.ge).

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Website: [www.police.ge](http://www.police.ge)

#### **Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees**

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**Ministry of Justice**

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Email: [press-center@justice.gov.ge](mailto:press-center@justice.gov.ge)  
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**Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs**

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Website: [www.migrant.ge](http://www.migrant.ge)

**Danish Refugee Council**

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

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**International Centre for Migration Policy Development**

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Website: [www.enigma.ge](http://www.enigma.ge)

**International Labour Organization**

Address: 4 route des Morillons, Geneve 22, CH-1211, Switzerland  
Telephone: +41 227 996 111  
Email: [ilo@ilo.org](mailto:ilo@ilo.org)  
Website: [www.ilo.org](http://www.ilo.org)

**International Organization for Migration**

Address: 19 Tengiz Abuladze str., Tbilisi 0162  
Telephone: +995 322 252 216  
Email: [iomtbilisi@iom.int](mailto:iomtbilisi@iom.int)  
Website: [www.iom.ge](http://www.iom.ge); [www.informedmigration.ge](http://www.informedmigration.ge)

**Migration Centre**

Address: 25 Berdzeni blind alley, Tbilisi 0114  
Telephone: +995 599 961 606/ +995 591 110 007  
Email: [migration-center@hotmail.com](mailto:migration-center@hotmail.com)

**UN Association of Georgia**

Address: 2 Dolidze str., Tbilisi 0171  
Telephone: +995 322 332 516/ +995 322 335 216  
Email: [una@una.ge](mailto:una@una.ge)  
Website: [www.una.ge](http://www.una.ge)

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

Address: 2a Al. Kazbegi ave., Tbilisi 0160  
Telephone: +995 322 386 202  
Email: [geotb@unhcr.org](mailto:geotb@unhcr.org)  
Website: [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)

### **Below are 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 Refugee and Humanitarian Status;
- Law of Georgia on Combating Human Trafficking;
- Decree of the Government of Georgia on the Approval of the Migration Strategy of Georgia for the years 2013-2015.

In addition, the other legal acts regulating migration can be found on the website of the State Commission on Migration Issues: [www.migration.commission.ge](http://www.migration.commission.ge).

### **Migrant support programmes**

The international and local non-governmental organizations operating in Georgia implement migrant support programmes of various duration and scale. A number of the ongoing programmes are described below. Please note that the duration of these programmes differ with some of them coming to their end, though new initiatives are also launched periodically. For more detailed and up-to-date information, it is recommended to regularly check the websites of the organizations listed below. The contact information of these organizations is provided on the pages 36-37 of this Guidebook.



## Programs for refugees and status-seekers:

1. **Refugee resettlement to third countries** – International Organization for Migration (IOM) accepts and processes applications of refugees willing to resettle in the third countries. IOM assists them in preparing for the visa interviews and organizing their travel. Since 2003, the IOM has provided assistance to more than 300 refugees.
2. **Registration and integration of refugees, stateless persons and undocumented persons** – Innovations and Reforms Centre (IRC) provides legal assistance and advice to refugees, stateless persons, and undocumented persons on their rights and existing opportunities, available public services, ways and procedures of acquiring Georgian citizenship.
3. **Protection of interests of refugees, stateless persons and asylum seekers** – the activity of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) aims at finding the long term solutions to the problems of refugees, stateless persons and asylum seekers. Interests of these persons in various state institutions are also defended by the UN Association of Georgia (UNAG). The UNAG challenges the decisions of authorized entities in courts. In most cases these are the decisions denying registration to asylum seekers, denying the refugee or humanitarian status, registration of birth, or registration of a company. In case of well-grounded request for asylum, UNAG can engage a UNHCR expert in court cases. After exhausting internal mechanisms for the appeal, the UNAG addresses the UNHCR with a recommendation to appeal these decisions at the European Court of Human Rights.



## BORDER CHECKPOINTS OF GEORGIA

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

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>1</sup> Only the citizens of Georgia and neighboring countries have the right of movement through interstate border checkpoints.



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

#### TBILISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Contact information:

**Telephone:** +995 322 310 265; +995 322 310 341; +995 322 310 421.

**Website:** [www.tbilisiaairport.com](http://www.tbilisiaairport.com)

**Address:** Airport, Airport settlement, Samgori district, Tbilisi, Georgia

#### BATUMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Contact information:

**Telephone:** +995 422 235 100; +995 422 235 102; +995 422 235 103.

**Fax:** +995 422 235 101

**Website:** [www.batumiairport.com](http://www.batumiairport.com)

**Address:** Batumi International Airport, Batumi, Georgia

#### KUTAISI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Contact information:

**Telephone:** +995 431 237 000

**Email:** [infodesk@airports.ge](mailto:infodesk@airports.ge)

**Address:** Kutaisi 100th km., Kutaisi, Georgia

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

- 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 are as follows:

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



**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: [www.smr.gov.ge](http://www.smr.gov.ge)

## 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 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.

Mobility Centres under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia 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

**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

KAKHETI

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

**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

**Lagodekhi branch of PSDA**  
14 Tavisupleba str., Lagodekhi

**Akhmeta branch of PSDA**  
50 Cholokashvili str., Akhmeta

**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

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

**Ghoresha Community Centre**  
Ghoresha village, Sachkhere Municipality

**Khevi Community Centre**  
Khevi village, Kharagauli Municipality

**Korbouli Community Centre**  
Korbouli village, Sachkhere Municipality

**Shorapani Community Centre**  
Shorapani village, Zestaphoni Municipality

MTSKHETA-MTIANETI

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

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

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

**Kazbegi branch of PSDA**  
9 David Aghmashenebeli str., Kazbegi

RACHA-LECHKHUMI AND KVEMO SVANETI

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

**Lentekhi branch of PSDA**  
24 Tamar Mepe str., Lentekhi

**Oni branch of PSDA**  
1 Aghmashenebeli square, Oni

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

SAMEGRELO – ZEMO SVANETI

**Zugdidi Public Service Hall**  
2 Theatre str., Zugdidi

**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

**Poti branch of PSDA**  
26 9<sup>th</sup> April Alley, Poti

**Tsalenjikha branch of PSDA**  
49 Tamar Mepe str., Tsalenjikha

**Khobi branch of PSDA**  
92 Tsotne Dadiani str., Khobi

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

**Jvari Community Centre**  
Jvari village, Tsalenjikha Municipality

**Chaladidi Community Centre**  
Chaladidi village, Khobi Municipality

## SAMTSKHE-JAVAKHETI

### Akhaltzikhe Public Service Hall

Tamarashvili str., Akhaltzikhe

### 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

### Borjomi branch of PSDA

1 Rustaveli square, Borjomi

### Ninotsminda branch of PSDA

43 Pushkin str., Ninotsminda

### Phoka Community Centre

Phoka village, Ninotsminda 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

### Tsalka branch of PSDA

13 Aristotele str., Tsalka

### Kazreti Community Centre

Kazreti village, Bolnisi Municipality

### Koda Community Centre

Koda village, Tetritskaro Municipality

### Manglisi Community Centre

Manglisi village, Tetritskaro Municipality

### Sartichala Community Centre

Sartichala village, Gardabani Municipality

## SHIDA KARTLI

### Gori Public Service Hall

5 D. Guramishvili str., Gori

### Kaspi Branch of PSDA

80 David Aghmashenebeli str., Kaspi

### Kareli Branch of PSDA

24 Stalin str., Kareli

### Khashuri Branch of PSDA

7 Kostava str., Khashuri

### Gomi Community Centre

Gomi village, Khashuri Municipality

### Ruisi Community Centre

Ruisi village, Kareli Municipality

### Mejvriskhevi Community Centre

Mejvriskhevi village, Gori Municipality

For the information concerning potential migrants as well as regarding the issues of re-integration of returned migrants please contact the Mobility Centres under the Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia:

## MOBILITY CENTRE IN TBILISI

Ministry of Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Accommodation and Refugees of Georgia

**Address:** Rooms No. 543, 545, 547; 5th floor, 15a Tamarashvili str., Tbilisi

**Tel.:** 995 322 600 955

## MOBILITY CENTRE IN KUTAISI

**Address:** 7 Victor Kupradze str., Kutaisi

**Tel.:** +995 451 944 443

## MOBILITY CENTRE IN TELAVI

**Address:** 16 Erekle II str., Telavi

Telavi Municipality building, 2nd floor

**Tel.:** +995 350 270 872

## MOBILITY CENTRE IN BATUMI

**Address:** 63 King Pharnavaz Str. Batumi

**Tel.:** +995 577 520 015

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).

## GEORGIA'S DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CONSULAR OFFICES ABROAD

Georgia's diplomatic missions and consular services abroad have the following responsibilities within the boundaries of their respective consular districts: issue Georgian visas and travel documents (Laissez-passers) to return to Georgia; provide consultations, legal protection, solicitation, consular legalization and registration, issue notary acts, etc. In addition, as a delegation function, diplomatic missions and consular offices register Georgian citizens, issue the identity certificates, and register civil acts.

→ 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: <a href="mailto:buenosaires.emb@mfa.gov.ge">buenosaires.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a> Website: <a href="http://www.argentina.mfa.gov.ge">www.argentina.mfa.gov.ge</a>
→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA	
<b>Covers following countries/territories:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:yerevan.emb@mfa.gov.ge">yerevan.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a> <a href="mailto:erevancon@mfa.gov.ge">erevancon@mfa.gov.ge</a> Website: <a href="http://www.armenia.mfa.gov.ge">www.armenia.mfa.gov.ge</a>
→ 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 of Vanuatu, Tuvalu  <b>For visa purposes:</b> Republic of Kiribati, Republic of Nauru, Kingdom of Tonga	Location: Canberra, Australia Address: 28 Kareelah Vista, O'Malley, Canberra ACT 2606  Telephone: +61 2 616 201 26 Fax: +61 2 616 201 25 Email: <a href="mailto:canberra.emb@mfa.gov.ge">canberra.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a> Website: <a href="http://www.australia.mfa.gov.ge">www.australia.mfa.gov.ge</a>





## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

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

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Website: [www.azerbaijan.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.azerbaijan.mfa.gov.ge)



→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS	
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→ EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM	
Covers following countries/territories: Kingdom of Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Location: Brussels, Belgium Address: Rue Père Eudore Devroye 245, 1150 Woluwe Saint Pierre  Telephone: +32 2 761 1190 Fax: +32 2 761 1199 Email: <a href="mailto:belgium.emb@mfa.gov.ge">belgium.emb@mfa.gov.ge</a> Website: <a href="http://belgium.mfa.gov.ge/">http://belgium.mfa.gov.ge/</a>  Consulate Fax: +32 2 732 85 47 Telephone: +32 2 732 8550 +32 2 280 6686 Email: <a href="mailto:belgium.consulate@mfa.gov.ge">belgium.consulate@mfa.gov.ge</a>

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

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



## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN CANADA

**Covers following countries/territories:** Canada

Location: Ottawa, Canada  
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Telephone: +1 613 421 0460  
Hotline: +1 613 316 0429  
Fax: +1 613 680 0329  
Email: [ottawa.emb@mfa.gov.ge](mailto:ottawa.emb@mfa.gov.ge)  
[kmarkozia@mfa.gov.ge](mailto:kmarkozia@mfa.gov.ge)  
Website: [www.canada.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.canada.mfa.gov.ge)



## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**Covers following countries/territories:** People's Republic of China, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Mongolia

**For visa purposes:** People's Democratic Republic of Korea, People's Democratic Republic of Laos

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Email: [china.con@mfa.gov.ge](mailto:china.con@mfa.gov.ge)  
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Website: [www.china.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.china.mfa.gov.ge)



## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

**Covers following countries/territories:** Republic of Cyprus

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## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

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[sotiashvili@mfa.gov.ge](mailto:sotiashvili@mfa.gov.ge)

Website: [www.denmark.mfa.gov.ge](http://www.denmark.mfa.gov.ge)



## EMBASSY OF GEORGIA IN THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

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## MIGRANT'S GLOSSARY

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**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.”

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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.



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