

HOW TO GET A SIM CARD AS A FOREIGN CITIZEN



1 OBTAIN A SNILS



- Have your passport translated at a translation agency and notarized
- Apply for a SNILS at the Social Fund of Russia, an MFC (Multifunctional Center), or through your employer

Your SNILS number will be issued on the spot

List of Notaries



Map of Social Fund Branches



Map of MFCs



2 SIGN UP ON THE GOSUSLUGI PORTAL



- Bring your passport, the notarized translation, and your SNILS. You will also need an email address or a phone number provided by a Russian operator
- Visit a bank, such as VTB, Sber, or an MFC office

Your account will be verified on the same day

Map of Banks and MFCs



3 SUBMIT YOUR BIOMETRIC DATA



- Bring your passport, the notarized translation, and your SNILS. You will also need an email address
- Visit a bank, such as VTB or Sber, and request to have your biometric data recorded and entered into the Unified Biometric System

Your biometric data will be verified and registered on the same day

Map of Banks with Biometric Services



4 GET YOUR t2 SIM CARD



- Bring your passport and the notarized translation to a t2 store, along with the device where you'll use the SIM card. To sign the contract, you will need to provide the IMEI (serial number) of your device
- A store representative will prepare the contract and verify your information using biometric data
- To activate the SIM card via Gosuslugi, log into your account on a device with a camera. Assistance is also available at any t2 store

The SIM card will be activated once biometric verification is complete

t2 Store Locations



Verification on Gosuslugi

