**Everything that a foreign applicant needs to know for admission to the Pyatigorsk Medical and Pharmaceutical Institute, branch of the Volgograd State Medical University.**
***The most frequently asked questions of applicants and answers to them.***

1. **ADMISSION TO THE PMPHI.**

1. Where can I find information about PMPHI and fields of study?
Information about the institute is given on the website of the institute. For detailed information, follow the link: <https://www.pmedpharm.ru/sveden_eng/>.

**2. How many years does the study in a certain specialty last?**

Our institute provides training in the following major specialties: “Dentistry”, “Pharmacy”, “General medicine”, “Medical biochemistry”
Duration of studying in the fields of dentistry and pharmacy is 5 years, general medicine and medical biochemistry take 6 years to be acquired.

**3. What is the deadline for payment for studies in the chosen specialty?**
For applicants enrolling by individual contracts, the tuition fee is paid twice a year in the following periods:
- the 1st semester - until September 1 of the current year
- the 2nd semester - until February 1 of the next year.

In case if applicants admit with the help of an outsourcing company\*, the terms of payment for studies must be clarified when signing an educational contract with the intermediary company.

**4. Is there an age limit for the admission to PMPHI?**

There is no age limit for the admission to PMPHI.

**5. What are the reasons for refusing admission to PMPHI?**
The reason for refusing admission is not passing the entrance examinations, as well as the non-compliance of the set of documents with the requirements for admission. For more information on admission, see chapter III, paragraph 1-2.

**6. Will a Russian diploma be recognized and accepted in my home country?**
As Russia is a participant in the Bologna process since 2003, graduates of Russian universities have the opportunity to confirm and recognize diplomas in the countries of the European community.

1. **SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS.**

**1. What documents should be prepared for admission?**

For admission to the institute an applicant need to prepare the following package of documents:
- national passport and its notarized translation
- a document on secondary education legalized in accordance with the established procedure (including an appendix), as well as its notarized translation
- 10 matte photos 3x4 cm in size
- medical certificate of health status for applicants to universities (form 086/u), including the results of fluorographic examination
- certificate of absence of HIV infection
- vaccination certificate (All medical certificates must be translated into Russian)
- certificate of recognition of foreign education in Russia by the Federal Service for Supervision in Education and Science (Rosobrnadzor)

**2. How can I receive an invitation to study in PMPHI? How long is the invitation valid?**
An application for an invitation from the university is submitted through an intermediary firm according to the requirements provided by this firm. The invitation is a document confirming the admission of the applicant to the educational institution and necessary for receiving a study visa. It is valid within 90 days from the date of issue.

**3. How is an application for a study visa carried out?**
Upon receiving an invitation from PMPHI, the applicant contacts the embassy of their home country for obtaining a single-entry study visa. Later on, to extend the period of validity of the visa, the student should come to the international department of PMPHI.

**4. What is the period of validity of a study visa?**
A single-entry study visa is issued for a period from 1 to 3 months and cannot exceed the period of the invitation validity. A multiple-entry study visa is issued for one year and cannot exceed the period of the educational contract.

**5. How can I extend a study visa?**
To extend a single or multiple study visa, it is necessary to provide a set of documents to the international department of the Pyatigorsk Medical and Pharmaceutical Institute, at least 1 month in advance, namely:
- a passport
- a valid registration at the place of residence
- a migration card
- a check on the payment of the state fee for visa extension
- 1 matte photo
A completed application form with a set of documents is submitted to the migration department.

1. **EDUCATIONAL CONDITIONS**
2. **Is there any scholarship available for foreign students?**

A scholarship is not provided for foreign students, they study at their own expense.

**2. In what languages are students taught in the institute?**PMPHI provides the opportunity to study in any of three languages: English, French or Russian. English and French are called “intermediate languages”

1. **When do holidays in PMPHI begin?**Depending on the specialty and the educational schedule, the dates of winter and summer holidays are set.
2. **LIVING CONDITIONS**
3. **Is a place in the student dormitory provided for foreign students?**Students can be resided in the dormitory for students or in hostels (private hotel) located on the territory of the Caucasian Mineral Waters. Accommodation in private hostels is organized through an intermediary firm.
4. **Is there a possibility to live in an apartment?**
5. First-year students are recommended to live on the territory of university’s campus in order to adapt and integrate into a foreign language environment. Starting from the second year of study, students have the right to live in private apartments. In exceptional cases, for valid reasons, students can discuss the possibility of living in the private flats and houses with the leadership of the institute.
6. **Do I need to register at the place of residence? What is this?**

Registration at the place of residence is obligatory for living on the territory of the Russian Federation. Without a registration at the place of residence, accommodation of a foreigner in any city of the Russian Federation is illegal.

1. **Can my parents visit me in Russia and on what terms?**Parents of students can enter the territory of the Russian Federation on a tourist visa. The Institute does not issue invitations to the members of the family of students.
2. **Is it possible to travel to other cities of Russia or abroad during the studying year?**During the study time, foreign students have the opportunity to leave the city only with the permission of the leadership of the institute. During the holidays, students have the legal right to travel across the Russian Federation and abroad.
3. **EDUCATIONAL AND EXTRA EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES.**
4. **Does the university provide an active student life?**The university hosts numerous events organized by activist students from student organizations. Also cultural, sports and recreational, creative events are organized several times a year. The events are carried out in after-study hours and are controlled by the university administration.
5. **Can I join student organizations?**

Students can be members of the Student Council and the Volunteer Center.

1. **Do I have the opportunity to participate in scientific conferences?**Students can present their scientific work at conferences and scientific events on intra-university and international levels.
2. **Is there an opportunity to internship abroad? Can I intern for free?**Foreign students have the opportunity to participate in foreign internships. Unfortunately, the vast majority of internships are conducted at the expense of participants.

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***If you have not found the answers to your questions, please contact the international department of PMPHI. We are located in the second dormitory, on the second floor, room number 20. Opening hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or send us an e-mail on the following address:*** ***pfi.foreign@mail.ru******.***

\*An outsourcing company is an intermediary company, which collaborates with the university and assign students to study at an educational institution.