

.RU, .РФ, and .SU – Validation on the Gosuslugi Portal

Instructions for Validation on the Gosuslugi Portal

1. What Gosuslugi Is and Why Registration There Matters

Gosuslugi (<https://www.gosuslugi.ru>) is the official digital gateway of the Russian government. It provides access to a wide range of public services and government authorities, including the tax service, pension fund, social services, traffic police, and courts – all through a single account.

Registration creates a Unified Identification and Authentication System (ESIA) account, legally recognized for submitting applications and signing documents electronically.

From 1 September 2026, a validated ESIA account will be mandatory to register and operate .RU, .РФ, and .SU domain names.

2. Step-by-Step Registration Description

2.1. Individual (Physical Person) Registration

Types of individual accounts

Gosuslugi offers three account levels, each granting access to more services:

- Simplified account
- Standard account
- Verified (confirmed) account

Only a verified account grants full legal access to services such as business registration, passport applications, social benefits, and electronic document signing. **A verified account is mandatory for owning a domain.**

Step-by-Step Individual Registration

To obtain a verified account, all verification stages must be completed in sequence.

Step 1: Create a Simplified Account

Required Information:

- First and last name
- Mobile phone number or email

Registration Process:

- Go to the [registration page](#).
- Enter your name and phone number or email address.
- Confirm registration using the SMS code or email link.
- Create a password.

Result: Simplified account created.

Step 2: Upgrade to a Standard Account

Additional Information Required:

- Passport details
- SNILS (Russian individual insurance number)

Process:

- Enter passport series, number, and issuing authority.
- Enter SNILS number.
- The information will be automatically verified against government databases.

Result: Standard account activated.

Please note: Verification may take anywhere from a few minutes to several hours.

Step 3: Verify Identity

To obtain verified status, identity confirmation is required.

Available Methods:

- Online verification through Russian banks (Sberbank, T-Bank, Post Bank)
- In person at MFC / "My Documents" centers
- Using qualified electronic signature (КЭП)
- Biometric verification (if enabled)

Result: Verified account activated.

Important Information for Foreign Individuals

Foreign residents can register on Gosuslugi without Russian citizenship. However, several limitations will apply:

- **SNILS is mandatory.** However, SNILS is **only issued to foreign individuals who are officially employed or legally residing in Russia.** It is not obtainable by non-residents. Foreign domain holders with no Russian presence may therefore be unable to complete Standard account registration.
- Identity verification often requires **in-person confirmation at an MFC centre.**
- Some services will remain unavailable to foreign users.
- **Domain eligibility requirements for foreign individuals under the September 2026 rules have not yet been fully clarified.**

2.2. Company / Business Registration

Who Can Register a Company on Gosuslugi

A company can only be registered through the personally verified Gosuslugi account of its founder or director.

Supported business types:

- Individual Entrepreneur (IP / ИП)
- Limited Liability Company (ООО)
- Other legal entities and organisational forms (KFH, non-profits, etc.)

Prerequisites for Company Registration

Before starting the registration process, the applicant must have:

- A verified individual Gosuslugi account
- Qualified electronic signature of highest standard (КЭП*)
- Prepared founding documents (charter, decisions)

* КЭП is the highest level of secure electronic signature, legally equivalent to a handwritten signature.

The following company information will also be required:

- Company name
- Legal address
- OKVED activity codes*
- Tax regime

* OKVED codes are numerical codes used to define and officially register company's permitted business activities in Russia, and are essential for legal, tax, and regulatory purposes.

Important Information for Foreign Companies and Non-Russian Entities

Obtaining a qualified electronic signature (КЭП) requires a certificate issued by a Russian-accredited certification authority. This is difficult – and in most cases not possible – for foreign companies or individuals without an established legal presence in Russia.

If your organisation is a non-Russian legal entity currently holding .RU, .PФ, or .SU domains through a company account, this may represent a significant practical blocker under the September 2026 requirements. Please reach out to our team to discuss your specific situation.

Registering a New Company – Step-by-Step

Step 1: Log In as an Individual

Founder or director should log in using her / his personal verified account.

Step 2: Select Business Registration Service

- Navigate to "**Business → Registration of legal entity / IP**".
- You will be redirected to the [Federal Tax Service](#).

Step 3: Complete the Electronic Application

The following information will be required:

- Company details
- Founder(s) information
- Share capital distribution
- OKVED activity codes
- Tax system selection

The system validates data automatically after submission.

Step 4: Upload Documents

Required documents include:

- Charter (PDF)
- Founders' decision
- Address confirmation

Step 5: Sign and Submit Electronically

- The application is signed using КЭП.
- Submission is completed online.
- **No state fee applies for electronic registration.**

Step 6: Track and Receive the Results

The status can be monitored directly through Gosuslugi.

Registration documents issued electronically:

- EGRUL / EGRIP extract*
- Tax registration confirmation

EGRUL (Company register) and EGRIP (Sole trader register) are official state registers in Russia that store legal and registration data about businesses.

Adding or Editing an Existing Company

If the company is already registered:

- Log in using the director's verified account.
- Add organization using:
 - Taxpayer Identification Number (INN);
 - Primary State Registration Number (OGRN).
- Confirm authority via КЭП.

3. Questions and Support

If you have any questions, please contact our customer support team at support@centralnicreseller.com.