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Government to Issue Temporary Residence Permits for 96,000 Foreigners

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Migrant workers queuing up at the offices of the Federal Migration Service to receive their permits.
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The government has said that temporary residence permits will be issued to 95,880 foreigners next year.

The permits were divided among Russia's regions, with the city of Moscow receiving 2,000 and the Moscow region receiving 7,000, according to an order from Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev published on the government's website.

The government issues an unlimited number of temporary residence permits each year to applicants who had once been Soviet citizens and were born on the territory of present-day Russia, as well as to family members of Russian citizens, the Federal Migration Service website says.

Additionally, the government sets a specific quota of residence permits each year for foreigners who don't meet those conditions.

Last month, the government also established quotas to issue 1.6 million work permits and 385,000 work visas to foreigners in 2014.

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