

Russian Police Trainees Allowed Access to Classified Documents

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The Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD) will allow police trainees to read "secret" documents at the request of regional departments, the Interfax news agency reported, referring to the Federal Portal of Projects of Normative Legal Acts.

The amendment will lift the prohibition that keeps trainees from reading documents containing State secrets while discharging police duties, the document's authors said, Interfax reported.

Approved in 2011 by the MVD, the prohibition was intended to prevent employees of Internal Affairs bodies from accessing classified documents.

"The order has been developed on the basis of monitoring appeals sent to divisions of the central apparatus of the MVD by regional MVD bodies and relates to the fact that trainees cannot be allowed access to classified information while they undertake police officers' duties," the ministry said in an explanatory note, Interfax reported.

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