President Putin to Personally Present Steven Seagal's Russian Passport

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American actor Steven Seagal is to receive his Russian passport⊠personally from President Vladimir Putin, the Kremlin has confirmed.

Seagal, who is known for starring in past action blockbusters, was⊠granted Russian citizenship in early November. He arrived in Moscow⊠last week, grabbing headlines by [broaching investment deals with⊠Russian companies](#) and starring in an advert for Russian⊠communications firm Megafon.

"The president still has a number of scheduled meetings, but⊠will be meeting [Seagal] today to give him his Russian passport,"⊠Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told journalists.

Seagal is not the first Western actor to take a Russian passport, with French film star Gerard Depardieu taking Russian citizenship in 2013. "I am ready to die for Russia," Depardieu said in

a [Vanity Fair interview in 2015,](#) "the people there are strong."