

# Foreigners Can Now Fight in Russia's Overseas Military Campaigns

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Foreign citizens can now be deployed in Russia's military operations abroad, according to a new decree [signed](#) by President Vladimir Putin on Sunday.

Foreigners have been [allowed](#) to enlist in the Russian army and Interior Ministry troops under a January 2015 decree.

Russia's new decree, published on Monday, allows foreign nationals to take part in combat operations outside Russian borders.

The law's previous iteration was ostensibly [aimed](#) at legalizing the status of citizens of former Soviet republics already serving in the Russian military.

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The 2015 policy came into force five years after it was proposed to provide legal status to locals serving on Russian bases in Armenia and Tajikistan.

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