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Handbook (Guide) on Services Provided by the Municipality of Riga to foreigners

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■ INTRODUCTION

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Welcome to Riga!

Riga is the largest city in Latvia, covering the area of 307.17 km². Riga is also the capital city of Latvia, its population is approximately 700 000 inhabitants, which constitutes about 1/3 of the total population of the State. As to the ethnic composition, the population of Riga comprises 43% Latvians, 39% Russians, 4% Byelorussians, 4% Ukrainians, 2% Poles and 8% representatives of other ethnic minorities.¹

Riga is a wonderful city, located on the Baltic Sea, renown in the world for its Art Nouveau architecture, welcoming people, Song and Dance Celebrations, as well as such globally recognised personalities as opera singer Elīna Garanča, ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, ice-hockey players Zemgus Girgensons, Artūrs Irbe, popular photographer of celebrities Philippe Halsmann, world famous choir "Kamēr", and many others.

This Handbook has been elaborated as a guide to the municipality of Riga and the services it provides, as well as to the opportunities offered to everyone, who has come to Riga from elsewhere. The Handbook gives a general insight into education, health, social assistance, public transport services ensured by the municipality of Riga, as well as into opportunities for engaging in culture, sports and other leisure activities. It comprises information on and contact details of municipal and state institutions that provide the aforementioned services.

¹ Data of 01.01.2015, provided by the Riga City Council Development Department.

■ VISITORS' RECEPTION CENTRE

- Provides general information, advice and, to the extent possible, looks for solutions to the issues identified.
- Provides contact information of municipal institutions and structural units.
- Accepts and also draws up submissions and requests addressed to the Riga City Council and institutions regarding services provided by the municipality.
- Grants authorisation rights for using e-services on the municipal portal www.eriga.lv.

Visitors' Reception Centres

7/9 Kungu Street;
49/53 Brīvības Street;
31 Daugavpils Street;
26 Dzirciema Street;
46 E. Smiļģa Street;
21 Rūpniecības Street.

The office hours of the Visitors' Reception Centres, as well the time when legal advice is provided, can be found on the website www.riga.lv, section "Saziņa ar pašvaldību" [Contacting the Municipality], e-mail: apc@riga.lv

Toll-free info phone number – 80000 800

Website – www.riga.lv

■ RIGA MUNICIPALITY POLICE

Riga Municipality Police ensures public order and security, receives calls from inhabitants and responds to them in 24 h regime.

Information about Riga Municipality Police can be found on the website rpp.riga.lv, contact information – 12A Lomonosova Street, phone 67037811, e-mail: rpp@riga.lv.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

Phone number for calling police: 110
Police info phone line for tourists: 67181818
Police hotline: 67037555

■ WELFARE / Health^{2/}

Accessibility of Health Care

In Latvia the medical assistance guaranteed by the State is provided to: (1) citizens of Latvia, (2) non-citizens of Latvia, (3) citizens of EU member states, countries of the EEA and Switzerland, who reside in Latvia in connection with employment or as self-employed persons, as well as their family members, (4) foreigners, who have permanent residence permit in Latvia, (5) refugees and persons, who have been granted alternative status, (6) persons, who have been detained, taken into custody or have been sentenced to deprivation of liberty.

Those foreigners, who arrive in Latvia from third countries³ and reside in Latvia on the basis of a temporary residence permit, including their children, cannot receive the medical assistance guaranteed by the State. Foreigners belonging to this group have to pay for health care services themselves and/ or use private health insurance.

The spouses of citizens and non-citizens of Latvia, who have been issued temporary residence permit in Latvia, may receive pregnancy and obstetric care paid for from the resources of the State basic budget.

Where to find information on health care in Latvia?

Information on patients' rights, organisation and funding of health care, providers of health care services, as well as mandatory requirements set for medical facilities can be received from the National Health Service. More extensive information can be found on the website www.vmnvd.gov.lv, or calling 80001234, as well as via e-mail: nvd@vmnvd.gov.lv.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

All inhabitants, irrespectively of their immigration status, have access to free of charge doctor's advice via phone, in Latvian, English and Russian. This service is provided by the National Health Service.

General practitioners and doctors' assistants provide medical advice to those inhabitants, who need medical advice in cases of simple diseases. **This service is available on workdays from 17.00 to 8.00, as well as for 24 hours on weekends and holidays. To use this service, call: 66016001.**

ACCESSIBILITY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In Latvia the number to call, if emergency medical assistance is needed, is 03 or 112.

² Information from the website of Society „Shelter „Safe House”” www.patverums-dm.lv has been used in this section.

³ Third countries – all states, which are neither the EU (European Union), EEA (European Economic Zone), nor Switzerland.

Foreigners and their children, who arrive to Latvia from a country, which is neither an EU or EEA member state, nor Switzerland, and reside in Latvia on the basis of a temporary residence permit, must pay themselves for emergency medical assistance services, or these services must be paid for by the insurance company with which the person is insured. Citizens of Ukraine and pensioners of Russia are an exception; they can receive emergency medical assistance free of charge, in accordance with the agreement included in inter-governmental treaty.

Health promotion offer

Health Care Institutions

Four Riga Municipal capital companies provide both State paid health care services, as well as health care services for a charge, more detailed information can be found on the websites of these institutions or by calling the contact phone numbers of these institutions.

Outpatient clinics:

Limited liability company "Rīgas Veselības centrs" www.rigasveseliba.lv:

- branch "Ilģuciems"; www.ilguciemapoliklinika.lv, phone 67468292;
- branch "Kengarags"; www.bvckengarags.lv, phone 67250607;
- branch "Torņakalns"; www.tornakalnapoliklinika.lv, phone 67612274;
- branch "Imanta"; www.vcimanta.lv, phone 67410952;
- branch "Bolderāja"; www.bolderajaspoliklinika.lv, phone 67433278;
- branch "Ziepniekkalns"; www.ziepniekkalns.lv, phone 67677515.

Hospitals:

- Riga Municipal Ltd. "Rīgas 1.slimnīca" [Riga Hospital No.1]; www.1slimnica.lv, phone 67366323;
- Riga Municipal Ltd. "Rīgas 2.slimnīca" [Riga Hospital No.2]; www.slimnica.lv, phone 67614033;
- Riga Municipal Ltd. "Rīgas Dzemdību nams" [Riga Maternity Ward]; www.rdn.lv, phone 67011225.

Other institutions:

- Pauls Stradins Clinical University Hospital (www.stradini.lv);
- Riga East University Hospital (www.aslimnica.lv);
- Traumatology and Orthopaedics Hospital (www.tos.lv);
- Latvian Centre of Infectious Diseases (www.lic.gov.lv);
- Riga Stradins University Institute of Stomatology (www.stomatologijasinstituts.lv).

The following are the most popular health centres among foreigners for receiving primary health care services and visiting specialists:

- Veselības centrs 4 [Health Centre 4] (www.vc4.lv);
- Medicīnas sabiedrība ARS [ARS Medical Company] (www.ars-med.lv);
- Rakstnieku poliklīnika [Writers' Out-patient Clinic] (www.poliklinika.lv);
- Diplomātiskā servisa medicīnas centrs [Diplomatic Service Medical Centre] (www.dsmc.lv).

Paediatric Health Care Institutions

The largest specialised paediatric multi-profile medical treatment facility in Latvia is found in Riga: Children's Clinical University Hospital in Torņakalns and in Gaiļezers (www.bkus.lv).

Children's Hospital in Torņakalns

Info phone line of the hospital 67064400;

Emergency assistance 67064499;

Registry of the Out-patient Clinic of Children's Hospital, phones: 8866, 67064461, 67064462.

Children's Hospital in Gaijezers

Emergency Assistance and Admissions Department, phone 67536758;

Registry of the Out-patient Clinic of Children's Hospital, phones: 8866, 67536405.

What health promotion and preventive measures are available at the municipality?

Various activities aimed at health promotion are organised in the municipality of Riga: informative awareness raising campaigns, public lectures, training on public health topics are organised. These events are held with the aim of improving inhabitants' knowledge about health and factors influencing it. Various events to improve seniors' knowledge and skills in the field of health promotion are organised.

Likewise, activities in the field of dependency prevention and harm reduction programs among drug users are implemented.

Various activities for inhabitants are implemented to strengthen the existing families and to improve their functionality, to increase the value of the family and the child in society; training programmes for parents on issues of child upbringing and development are organised.

Information on events that are held, as well as on other issues of health promotion and prevention can be found on the webpage www.veseligrizinieks.lv.

Social Assistance

Foreigners, who arrive in Latvia from third countries and reside in Latvia on the basis of a temporary residence permit, have only partial access to Latvian social security system. Those foreigners, who are legally employed in Latvia, have partial access to benefits, which depend upon the social insurance contributions made by the foreigner.

Employed foreigners are eligible for the following benefits: (1) sickness benefit, (2) maternity and paternity benefit, (3) parents' benefit, (4) funeral allowance, (5) disability benefit, (6) indemnity related to an accident at work.

Information on the available benefits and amount thereof can be found at the State Social Insurance Agency (www.vsaa.lv), information is available in Latvian, English and Russian.

Those foreigners, who have temporary residence permit, do not have access to the social services and social assistance guaranteed by the State/ municipality (for example, social assistance and rehabilitation, material support for persons with low income, etc.), these services are accessible to foreigners, who hold permanent residence permit.

In Latvia social services and social assistance are provided by that local government, in the territory of which the particular person is registered. In Riga these services are provided by the Welfare Department of the Riga City Council.

Where to find information about social assistance in the city?

Information is available from the toll-free information phone 80005055. It provides information on the office hours of the social workers of Riga Social Service, addresses, phone number, activity schedules of Day Centres, as well as relevant information on social assistance in Riga, as well information about social services providers.

Information can also be found on the website of the Welfare Department www.ld.riga.lv, it provides more extensive information on accessibility of social services and social assistance in Riga; information is provided in Latvian and in Russian.

■ EDUCATION

Kindergartens

How to register a child for a pre-school educational institution of the municipality of Riga (kindergarten)?

150 municipal kindergartens, as well as pre-school groups in a number of schools operate in Riga. To register on the waiting list, only one criterion should be met – the child and one of his or her parents must be declared as residing in Riga. It is possible to register on the waiting list even if this criterion is not met; however, the chances to obtain a place at the kindergarten would be negligible.

A child can be registered on the waiting list for a place in the kindergarten immediately after the birth of the child. The most important is to have the birth certificate of the child, and the newborn should be granted the personal identification code.

There are kindergartens offering a program to children from the age of 18 months to seven years, as well as kindergartens with a program for children from the age of three to seven.

One child can be registered for no more than three kindergartens. Those children, who have reached the age of compulsory education established by the State, i.e., five years, are admitted to kindergartens disregarding the waiting list. Likewise, the regulation envisages that those children, whose siblings are already attending a pre-school institution, are admitted to it on priority basis.

It is possible to register on the waiting list for a place in a kindergarten on the e-service portal of the Municipality of Riga www.eriga.lv, by selecting the service “Reģistrācija pirms-skolai” [Registering for Pre-school] (see Figure 1), or by going to the Client Service Centre of the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street) or any other Visitors’ Reception Centre of the Riga City Council, presenting a personal identity document. After the child has been registered on the waiting list, it is possible to follow the progression of the queue on the same Internet website.

Where to find information on the pre-school educational institutions (kindergartens) of the municipality of Riga and services they provide?

There are kindergartens with Latvian and minority (Russian) language as the language of instruction in Riga, as well as such pre-school institutions that have groups with both Latvian and Russian as the language of instruction.

RĪGAS PAŠVALDĪBAS PAKALPOJUMU PORTĀLS

E-pakalpojumi Pakalpojumu apraksti Tālrunu katalogs Informācija [Autorizācija](#)

Kategorijas

- E-pakalpojumi uzņēmējiem
- E-pakalpojumi privātpersonām
- Visi e-pakalpojumi

Tiesību aizsardzība, personas statuss un dokumenti, patērētāju tiesības, valsts iepirkumi

- Lietotāja notikumi saziņā ar pašvaldību
- Lietotāja profils
- Mani dati pašvaldībā
- Notikuma statusa pārbaude
- Pieteikšanās autorizācijai
- Pieteikšanās pie speciālista

Dzīves vieta, nekustamais īpašums, būvniecība

- Būvatļauju meklētājs
- Būvprojektu meklētājs
- E-Karogs
- Infrastruktūras nodeva (kalkulators un apmaksā)
- Izziņa par zemes gabala izmantošanu
- Koku ciršanas atļauja
- Nekustamā īpašuma nodoklis
- Reklāma
- Rēķinu iesniegšana
- Rīgas pašvaldības Dzīvokļu rindu reģistrs
- Sabiedrības līdzdalība

Finanses, nodokļi, pabalsti, finanšu deklarācijas

- Nekustamā īpašuma nodoklis
- Rēķinu iesniegšana

Ģimene un bērni, veselība, sociālie pakalpojumi

- Reģistrācija pirmsskolai

Registration for kindergarten

Figure 1

Information, including the list of kindergartens, their location, contact phone number, as well as the number of groups, language of instruction and educational programmes is available on the website of the Riga City Council Education Culture and Sports Department www.e-skola.lv, section “Iestāžu katalogs” [Catalogue of Institutions], sub-section Pirmsskolas [Pre-school Institutions] (see Figure 2).

There are also specialised kindergartens for children with health disorders. Children are admitted to these kindergartens only on the basis of an opinion provided by a general practitioner and the Pedagogical Medical Commission, which is competent to make psychological and medical assessment of a child to recommend an educational program that is most appropriate for the child’s development, abilities and health condition. Some specialised kindergartens also provide around-the-clock care. In general 22 round-the-clock groups operate in Riga. Of these, four are intended for children that follow general education pre-school program, the rest are intended for children with health issues.

Information about kindergartens can be obtained from the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail: iksd@riga.lv.

Is it possible to attend a private pre-school educational institution?

Children can attend a private pre-school educational institution, if the parents have chosen it, as well as in those cases, when they are still on the waiting list for a place at a municipal kindergarten and this serves as an alternative.

The list of those private pre-school education institutions that the Municipality of Riga has concluded agreements of cooperation with can be found on the Internet webpage

www.e-skola.lv, section “Iestāžu katalogs” [Catalogue of Institutions], sub-section Pirmsskolas [Pre-schools] (see Figure 2).

Questions pertaining to private pre-school educational institutions can be addressed to the National Centre for Education (2 Valņu Street), as well as by phoning 67216500, or via e-mail: visc@visc.gov.lv. It is also possible to address inquiries to the Association of Private Pre-school Educational Institutions.

What payments are the parents expected to make if their child attends a pre-school educational institution?

At the pre-school educational institutions of the municipality of Riga, parents must cover the catering costs, which currently may not exceed 1.99 euros per day (breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack) at institutions that work for 12 hours per day, and 2.21 euros per day (breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, dinner) at institutions that operate in 24 hour regime. They also must cover the costs envisaged in Law on Education, i.e., those study materials that are intended for individual use (paper, scissors, paints, etc.).

If a child attends a private educational institution and this institution has concluded a cooperation agreement with the municipality of Riga, then the monthly payment for attending these kindergartens is split between three payers: parents, the municipality of Riga and the State⁴. The total monthly financial support provided by the State and the municipality is 228 euros, and parents must cover the difference between the costs of the service and this financial support.

Information on municipal and private kindergartens located in Riga

The screenshot shows the website 'RD IKSD Iestāžu katalogs' with the following content:

- Page title: **Iestāžu katalogs** (List of kindergartens)
- Navigation menu: RD IKSD, Izglītība, Kultūra, Sports, **Iestāžu katalogs**
- Search bar: nosaukums, adrese, vadītājs
- Left sidebar: Izglītības iestādes, Skolas, Pirmsskolas, Interēšu izglītības iestādes, Sporta skolas, Mūzikas un mākslas skolas, Kultūras iestādes, Citas iestādes, Interaktīvās kartes, Skolu mikrorajoni, Atvērte dati, Brīvā laika pavadīšanas centri, Bērnu pieskatīšanas centri, Iestāžu tīmekļa vietnes
- Main content area:

According to the language of instruction	According to the catchment area	According to the admission age
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mācību valoda Latviešu Mazākumtautību Latviešu/Mazākumtautību 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rīgas rajons Centra rajons Kurzemes rajons Latgales priekšpilsēta Vidzemes priekšpilsēta Zemgales priekšpilsēta Ziemeļu rajons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grupas no 1,5 gada vecuma no 3 gadu vecuma no 5 gadu vecuma 6 st. režīms diennakts grupa(s)
- Bottom section: **Speciālās programmas bērniem ar** (Programmes of special kindergartens)
 - garīgās attīstības traucējumiem
 - garīgās veselības traucējumiem
 - jauktiem attīstības traucējumiem
 - somatiskām saslimšanām
 - fiziskās attīstības traucējumiem
 - dzirdes traucējumiem

⁴ In 2015 the support provided by the municipality of Riga is 132.33 euro per month, but the State provides co-funding in the amount of 95.67 euro per month.

Figure 2

Schools

How to register a child for schools of the municipality of Riga?

A child can be registered for enrolment at a Riga municipality school both by attending in person and by submitting an application electronically. An application to school can be submitted throughout the year, starting with the date when the child has reached the age of five or the age of compulsory education established in the State. It is possible to register for a number of educational institutions, however, when forming the 1st grades, the priority will be given to those children, whose declared place of residence is within the catchment area of the school, since the principle of catchment areas operates in Riga. It guarantees that all first graders can study at schools that are close to their homes or a school that is attended by their brother or sister. When registering children for other grades, the principle of the catchment area no longer applies.

The institution of education reviews the enrolment of a child at school in the year when the child turns seven. If the parents consider that the child is ready for school already at the age of six, they must receive a written confirmation from the general practitioner. Likewise, if the parents send the child to school one year later, they also must receive a doctor's certificate.

Where to look for information about Riga municipality schools and the educational programs they provide?

Currently 115 schools function in Riga, including both schools with Latvian as the language of instruction and ethnic minority (Russian) language as the language of instruction, there are also schools that have both classes with Latvian and Russian as the language of instruction. Schools of large ethnic minority communities (Ukrainian, Byelorussian, Estonian, Lithuanian, Polish and Jewish) operate in Riga, where the language of instruction is either Latvian or Russian, but parallel to that also the language and culture of the particular ethnic minority are studied.

There are also special schools intended for children with health disorders. However, children are enrolled in these schools only on the basis of an opinion provided by the Pedagogical Medical Commission, which is competent to make psychological and medical assessment of a child to recommend an educational program that is most appropriate for the child's development, abilities and health condition.

By going to the website www.e-skola.lv and entering one's home address in the sub-section Skolu mikrorajoni [Catchment Areas of Schools] of the section "Iestāžu katalogs" [Catalogue of Institutions] (see Figure 3), it is possible to find out the district school for your place of residence. Information about all other schools of the municipality of Riga can also be found on the same website, also the break-down of schools according to language of instructions, as well as types – elementary schools, primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, and gymnasiums.

What additional opportunities do the schools offer?

Support staff – social pedagogues, psychologists, speech therapists – work at the schools of Riga Municipality; they can provide advice to both children and their parents.

the child due to health condition cannot attend an institution of education for more than a month. Home schooling can be organised by adapting it to the individual needs of every pupil; however, studies are organised for a period that does not exceed six months. Nine schools of the municipality of Riga provide home schooling.

To identify the most appropriate program of education for the child, the parents must register by phone for an appointment with the specialists of the commission; then must come for examination with the child. Consultation by a speech therapist, a special pedagogue, a psychologist, in case of necessity, also a psychiatrist and a rehabilitation specialist is ensured, later the parents must come to receive the opinion.

The Pedagogical Medical Commission of the municipality of Riga is located at 5 Kaņiera Street, information on its working hours, as well as advice can be obtained by phoning 67037322.

What school-related payments are the parents expected to make?

General education in Latvia is free of charge; however, the Law on Education envisages parents' involvement in providing for the study process, and these are costs of individual study aids – objects intended for a child's personal use and materials that are used as study aids or in connection with the study process: stationery, clothes and footwear, specific clothes and footwear and items of personal hygiene needed to master the curriculum of some subjects (sports, housekeeping and technologies, etc.), materials that a pupil uses in study process to create an object or product for his or her own personal needs. The State and municipality ensure textbooks and study aids.

If children choose to have lunch at the school canteen, parents must pay for the catering service provided to the child, which may not exceed 1,42 euros per day.

Any questions regarding schools of the municipality of Riga should be addressed to the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), as well as by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail: iksd@riga.lv.

Is it possible to attend a private school?

A number of private institutions of general education operate in Riga, and parents have the right to choose also educational services provided by private schools.

Any questions concerning private schools can be addressed to the National Centre for Education (2 Vaļņu Street), by phoning 67216500, or via e-mail: visc@visc.gov.lv.

Vocationally-oriented music, arts and sports schools

What are the opportunities provided by the municipality in the field of vocationally-oriented music, arts and sports?

9 municipal music and arts schools, as well as 11 municipal sports school operate in Riga; they implement vocationally-oriented education in arts, music and sports.

Children and adolescents can attend vocationally-oriented educational institutions in their leisure time and expand their knowledge and skills in arts, music or sports. These schools provide the opportunity to prepare for acquisition of vocational education in the chosen field of studies.

If a child attends any of the vocationally-oriented municipal music, arts or sports school of Riga, then the parents must be aware of co-payments to be made, as established by binding regulations, according to the program of education that the child follows.

Where to find information on municipal vocationally-oriented music, arts and sports schools?

Information on the municipal music, arts and sports schools for children in Riga, their location, contact phone numbers and the programs implemented by them can be found on the website www.e-skola.lv, section "Iestāžu katalogs" [Catalogue of Institutions], sub-section *Sporta skolas, Mūzikas un mākslas skolas* [Sports Schools, Music and Arts Schools] (see Figure 4A and Figure 4B).

Information on arts, music and sports schools can be also found in the catalogue of vocationally-oriented (arts, music and sports) programmes of education and amateur groups in Riga. In the digital version this information can be found on the website www.e-skola.lv, section "Aktuāli" [News] (see Figure 5), in a printed format it is available at the Riga Central Library and its branches, as well as libraries of Riga schools.

The screenshot shows the website 'RD IKSD Iestāžu katalogs' with the following content:

RD IKSD Iestāžu katalogs
 dati.e-skola.lv/lv/izglitiba-iestades/sporta-skolas
 RĪGAS DOMES IZGLĪTĪBAS, KULTŪRAS UN SPORTA DEPARTAMENTS
 Iestāžu katalogs
 trešdiena, 2015. gada 27. maijs
 List of sports schools

Navigation: RD IKSD | Izglītība | Kultūra | Sporta | **Iestāžu katalogs** | nosaukums, adrese, vadītājs

Left sidebar: Izglītības iestādes (Skolas, Pirmskolas, Interesešu izglītības iestādes, **Sporta skolas**, Mūzikas un mākslas skolas), Kultūras iestādes, Citas iestādes, Interaktīvās kartes, Skolu mikrorajoni, Atvērtie dati, Brīvā laika pavadīšanas centri, Bērnu pieskatīšanas centri, Iestāžu tīmekļa vietnes, Noderīgas saites

Main content: Izglītības iestādes → Sporta skolas

Nr.	Nosaukums	Adrese un kontakttālrunis
1.	Bērnu un jaunatnes sporta skola "Rīdzene"	KRĪŠJĀJA BARONA EĻA 107, CENTRA RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1012 67291824, 67293840
2.	Bērnu un jauniešu basketbola skola "RĪGA"	KRĪŠJĀJA BARONA EĻA 107, CENTRA RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1012 67276175
3.	Hokeja skola "Rīga"	VETALŅAS EĻA 15A, LATGALES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1035 67546214, 67546215
4.	Krišjāņa Kundziņa Čiņas sporta skola	HIPOKRĀTA EĻA 27, VIDZEMES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1079 67536530
5.	Rīgas 3. bērnu un jaunatnes sporta skola	DUMBRĀJA EĻA 27, KURZEMES RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1067 67613382
6.	Rīgas Futbola skola	UZVĀRAS BULVĀRIS 10, ZEMGALES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1048 67892887, 67892885
7.	Rīgas Riteņbraukšanas skola	GRĪVAS EĻA 28, KURZEMES RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1055 67473810, 67473809
8.	Rīgas Šaha skola	TALLĪNAS EĻA 6, VIDZEMES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1001 67794227, 67794225, 67794228
9.	Rīgas Vingrošanas skola	MĒRA EĻA 62, VIDZEMES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1013 67362050, 67362844

Figure 4A

Any questions regarding the municipal music, arts and sports schools in Riga should be addressed to the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), as well as by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail: iksd@riga.lv.

RD IKSD iestāžu katalogs

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Kultūras iestādes — Mūzikas un mākslas skolas

Nr.	Nosaukums	Adrese un kontaktārunis
1.	Augusta Dombrovska Mūzikas skola	ZEMEĻBLĀZMAS IELA 38, ZEMEĻU RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1015 67341879
2.	Bolderājas Mūzikas un mākslas skola	STŪRMĀJŪ IELA 31, KURZEMES RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1016 67434848, 67430542
3.	Jāzepa Mediņa Rīgas 1. mūzikas skola	KRONVALDA BULVĀRIS 8, CENTRA RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1010 67181678
4.	Juglas Mūzikas skola	MURJĀJŪ IELA 44, VIDZEMES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1064 67840488
5.	Latgales priekšpilsētas mūzikas un mākslas skola	PRŪŠU IELA 13b, LATGALES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1057 67803292, 67803295
6.	Māras Muižnieces Rīgas Mākslas skola	ĢERTRŪDES IELA 36, CENTRA RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1011 67217286, 67217376
7.	Pārdaugavas Mūzikas un mākslas skola	GRAUDU IELA 59, ZEIMGALES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1058 67181040
8.	Pāvula Jurjāna mūzikas skola	BALOŽŪ IELA 27, KURZEMES RAJONS, RĪGA, LV-1048 67181931
9.	Rīgas 3. mūzikas skola	MASKAVAS IELA 166, LATGALES PRIEKŠPILSĒTA, RĪGA, LV-1019 67241630

Figure 4B

Higher education

Higher education does not fall within the competence of the municipality, however, the majority of educational institutions providing higher education are situated in Riga; therefore we provide an insight into the possibilities of acquiring higher education.

Possibilities of acquiring higher education

In Latvia higher education can be obtained both in state and private institutions of higher education. In order to be enrolled in an institution of higher education a certificate of general secondary education or a diploma of a vocational secondary education is needed. In some study programmes, if the certificate/ diploma of secondary education has been acquired abroad, it must be submitted for expert assessment to the Academic Information Centre (www.aic.lv). In some institutions of higher education applicants are asked to take entrance tests. More detailed information on enrolment requirements for foreigners can be found on the websites of the specific institutions of higher education.

In Latvia, study programs in higher education are offered in Latvian, English and Russian. All institutions of higher education in Latvia are listed on the website www.aiknc.lv.

■ LEISURE TIME

For children and adolescents

Where and how children can engage in meaningful leisure time activities?

Riga has the most extensive offer of interest-related education in Latvia, having 13 child and adolescent centres for leisure time activities, founded by the municipality, which offer the possibility to children from the age of 3 and up to even the age of 25 to participate in various interest groups. Likewise, interest-related education is offered by all schools in Riga, as well as by vocationally-oriented music, arts and sports schools and Cultural Centres of Riga.

Child and adolescent centres for leisure time activities offer the possibility to participate in dance, rhythmic, music, technical design, model building, applied and visual arts, sports and environment science groups, as well as theatre studios. Children and young people can also participate in groups of motoring and go-karting, medicine and creative industries – video, animation, photography skills, etc. Similar offer is ensured also by Cultural Centres of Riga.

Leisure time can also be spent at a number of schools that offer centres/ rooms of leisure time activities, where children and young people have the possibility to engage in creative activities, organise various events themselves, play pool, billiards, sing karaoke, read books and watch TV or captivating video films, or just spend time in a nice company. The children, who attend these centres, are not required to be the students of the particular schools. These centres employ teachers, who are willing to engage in shared activities with children and young people, allowing them to act independently and assuming only supervisory functions. These centres/ rooms can be visited free of charge.

What payments parents are expected to make in connection with municipal interest-related education services?

Parents pay monthly co-funding fees, depending upon the duration of the program, on the basis of Riga City Council Decision No. 5376 “On the Amount of Co-funding in Interest-related and Adult Non-formal Educational Programs at the Riga Municipality Institutions of Education”. This Decision, as well as information on the amount of co-funding in interest-related education programs is available on the website of the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department www.iksd.riga.lv, section “Normatīvie akti” [Legal Acts].

Where to look for information on interest-related groups?

Information on leisure time activities offered to children, including the offer of centres for children and adolescents and Cultural Centres, their location, contact phone numbers can be found on the website www.e-skola.lv, section “Iestāžu katalogs” [Catalogue of Institutions]. Information can be found also in the catalogue of interest-related and vocationally-oriented education programs (arts, music, sports) and amateur groups in Riga; its digital version can be found on the website www.e-skola.lv, section “Aktuāli” [News] (see Figure 5), whereas its printed version is available at the Riga Central Library and its branches, as well as libraries of Riga schools.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the 'e-skola.lv' website. The top navigation bar includes 'RD IKSD', 'Izglītība', 'Kultūra', 'Sports', and 'Iestāžu katalogs'. The 'Izglītība' menu item is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, there is a sidebar with categories like 'Skolas', 'Pirmskolas', and 'Interēšu izglītība'. The main content area features several news articles, including one about a cabinet meeting and another about a contest. On the right side, there are sections for 'Aktuāli' (Current) and 'Courses for adults', with the latter circled in red. Below that is a section for 'List of hobby groups', also circled in red. The website logo 'e-skola MACĪBU MĀKONIS' is visible at the bottom left.

Figure 5

More about the municipal offer in the field of interest-related education can be found out from the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail iksd@riga.lv.

What are the leisure time activities for children and adolescents during school holidays?

As the summer holiday approaches, parents are invited to select together with their children summer camps, courses, which are organised to offer interesting and useful leisure time activities to children and adolescents, granting the opportunities to acquire new skills, knowledge and friends.

Camps are held for various age groups. Among them – both day and full-time camps on various topics, allowing parents to choose the time, duration and venue of the camp that is most appropriate for their child. The costs of the camps depend upon the location, program, scheduled activities, as well as catering and living premises offered. For a child to participate in a camp, parents must meet certain mandatory formal requirements, among them, conclude an agreement with the organiser of the camp, etc.

During school summer holiday children and young people in Riga are offered the possibility to engage in leisure time activities organised both in the city centre and in the neighbourhoods. Anyone interested can master free of charge basic skills in various sports disciplines, go for training sessions, take part in contests, acquire mountain climbing skills,

improve skills in photography, painting, set up exhibitions, as well as engage in local history studies by participating in urban orienteering activities, study collections of Riga museums, showcase one's talent in literature, music, history, go on sightseeing tours to visit unusual sites in the neighbourhoods of the city and to take part in other exciting adventures.

During the summer holiday children and young people of Riga have the opportunity to visit centres and rooms for leisure time activities set up at the institutions of education and also visit branches of the Riga Central Library to participate in various contests and quizzes, in interesting and attractive events.

Where to find information on available camps and other activities organised in the city?

A list of camps organised by the educational institutions of Riga, among them – those organised by schools, interest-related centres of children and adolescents, sports schools and other institutions, as well as by associations and foundations, their contact phone numbers, venues, as well as indications regarding their target audiences are available (usually at the end of spring) on the website www.e-skola.lv, section "Aktuāli" [News]. Information on other leisure time activities during school holiday ensured by the municipality can also be found on this website.

Information on summer camps and other leisure time activities provided by the municipality of Riga is available from the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail iksd@riga.lv.

For adults

Where and how adults can engage in useful leisure time activities?

170 amateur groups, supported by the municipality, are active in Riga. Inhabitants of the city can participate in a number of folk applied arts, visual arts studios, participate in choirs, sing in ensembles and vocal studios, dance, engage in groups of ethnic minorities, master photography skills and play theatre. Amateur groups function at Riga Centres of Culture.

Where to find information on municipality amateur art groups?

Information on Riga amateur groups, venues and contact information, as well as descriptions of group activities can be found on the website of the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department www.kultura.riga.lv, section "Kolektīvu datu bāze" [Database of Amateur Groups] (see Figure 6).

The offer of amateur groups can be found also in the catalogue of interest-related and vocationally-oriented (arts, music, sports) education programmes and amateur groups in Riga, the digital version of it is found on the website www.e-skola.lv, section "Aktuāli" [News] (see Figure 5), but the printed version of it is available at the Riga Central Library and its branches.

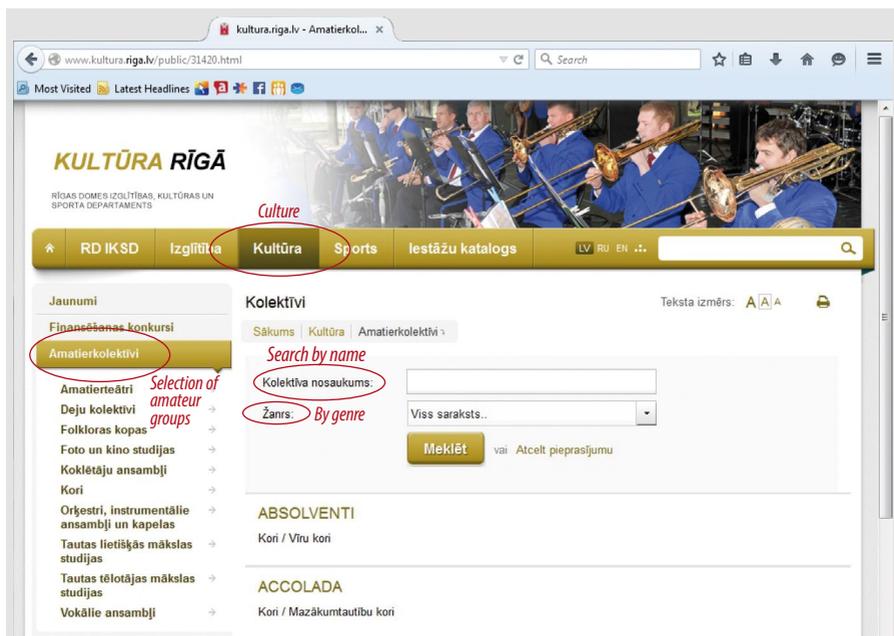


Figure 6

Information on amateur groups is also available from the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 K. Valdemāra Street), by phoning 67026816, or via e-mail iksd@riga.lv.

Courses and life-long education

Beautiful scarves, striking jewellery, the skill to apply make-up or perhaps improved language proficiency, mastering new knowledge in gardening, psychology, valuable advice on raising children – all of it is offered at non-formal education courses for adults in Riga. Every year at the beginning of autumn inhabitants can choose a convenient venue and time to attend an adult life-long education course.

The inhabitants are expected to co-finance the courses, however, since the courses receive financial support from the municipality, the participants are not expected to cover the prime costs of the courses.

Information on non-formal education courses, contact phone numbers and information on venues is published every month on the website www.e-skola.lv, section "Aktuāli" [News] (see Figure 5).

■ CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Involvement in the work of non-governmental organisations

How to become involved in the activities of non-governmental organisation, ethnic and neighbourhood associations and where to find information on them?

Non-governmental organisations unite various groups of socially active inhabitants. Approximately 7000 non-governmental organisations operate in Riga, among them – ethnic, social, neighbourhood NGOs, etc. Anyone interested in becoming involved in their activities – third country nationals including – are invited to visit the NGO House (NGO House, 42 Laimdotas Street). It provides insight into the whole range of NGOs in Riga and their main lines of activities, it is possible to meet like-minded people there, find out about topical events in the life of NGOs, gain support for the development of an organisation, receive information, including information about possibilities to engage in voluntary work, as well as to participate in and organise a variety of events.

Information on NGO House is available from the website www.iksd.riga.lv, section “NVO namš”[NGO House], it also offers news from NGOs, news from the NGO House, calendar of events, information about premises of the NGO House and contact information.

Neighbourhood associations have expanded their activities in Riga; they pro-actively express their wish to participate in urban planning processes. Anyone, who wants to become involved in developing and improving one’s neighbourhood is invited to join the existing association or to establish a new one. The website www.apkaimes.lv hosts a forum, which allows engaging in discussions and searching for like-minded people in order to deal with relevant issues in one’s neighbourhood.

Youth non-governmental organisations and information on them

If a young person living in Riga wishes to join a non-governmental organisation, then he or she should go to Riga Youth Centre “Kaņieris” (15 Kaņiera Street), which provides to all interested persons information on youth non-governmental organisations operating in the capital city, their basic principles and lines of activities, how to find an organisation and engage in its activities. The Centre offers meaningful leisure time activities in its premises, by establishing new contacts, developing new projects and creative recreation. The Centre offers Wi-Fi free of charge, equipment for out-door activities, and other resources. Information on Youth Centre “Kaņieris” can be found on the website www.kopnica.lv.

Voluntary work

Voluntary work in Riga is organised by associations and religious organisations, as well as municipal institutions and hospitals. This work is used in many sectors – social, culture and arts, sports, youth, education and other fields, including large-scale city events.

The most convenient way to look for volunteer job offers is to search the websites:

- www.brivpratigais.lv/datubaze – publishes ads by organisations on topical voluntary work offers, it is also possible to create one’s own volunteer’s profile, as well as to follow it on the social network – Twitter @brivpratigaislv;
- www.deedin.com – provides information on organisations where volunteers can work and also the possibility to register the work that you have done.

CULTURE

Culture events

What is the cultural offer in the city?

The city of Riga offers a very wide range of culture events provided by the municipality of Riga, including city-scale events and events to mark seasonal traditions, national holidays and remembrance days, which predominantly are open to citizens free of charge. However, there are also events, concerts, exhibitions, performances and the like that charge an entrance fee.

Cultural events that are supported by the municipality of Riga are held both in parks and on squares, as well as in cultural centres and churches both in the city centre and its neighbourhoods. Some events are also held at the children's music and art schools and at the branches of the Riga City Library.

Where to look for information on the offer of cultural events in the city?

Information on monthly cultural events is available on the website www.kultura.riga.lv, section *Pasākumu Kalendārs* [Calendar of Events] (see Figure 7), it also provides descriptions of the events held in the city, in particular of those that are held with municipal support. The program of seasonal traditional events, of city scale events, national festivities and remembrance days are available not only on the aforementioned website, but also in a printed form at the branches of the Riga Central Library and Tourist Information Centres. The program of seasonal traditional events and national festivities in a printed form is available to inhabitants also in foreign languages – in Russian and English.

The screenshot displays the website www.kultura.riga.lv in a browser window. The page title is "KULTŪRA RĪGĀ" (Culture Riga) under the heading "RĪGAS DOMES IZGLĪTĪBAS, KULTŪRAS UN SPORTA DEPARTAMENTS". The navigation menu includes "RD IKSD", "Izglītība", "Kultūra", "Sports", and "Iestāžu katalogs". The "Kultūra" menu item is circled in red. The main content area features a featured event: "Dullais Dauka Ziemeļblāzmas bērnu svētkos" (Dull's Boat Northern Wind Children's Festival) on May 27, 2015. The event description mentions a traditional children's festival with a boat race and various activities. A sidebar on the left lists various categories like "Jaunumi", "Amatierkollektīvu jaunumi", "Finansēšanas ko", "Amatierkollektīvi", "Lielākie kultūras pasākumi Rīgā 2015. gadā", "Bērnu svētku pasākumi Rīgā", "Komunistiskā genocīda upuru piemiņai veltītie pasākumi Rīgā 14. jūnijā", "Vakances", "Galerijas", "Arhivs", and "Lapas karte". The "Lielākie kultūras pasākumi Rīgā 2015. gadā" link is circled in red. On the right, there is an "Aktuāli" (Actualities) section with a link to "Aicina pieteikt projektus „Baltās nakts” iniciatīvas programmai" and a "Pasākumu kalendārs" (Calendar of cultural events) link, both circled in red. Below the calendar link is a calendar for September 2015, with the 27th highlighted. At the bottom, the date "09.05.–12.06.2015." is displayed.

Figure 7

Information on major annual cultural events in the city is published on the website www.kultura.riga.lv (see Figure 7), information is available in Latvian, English and Russian.

Information on cultural offer in the city, in particular – on those events that are supported by the municipality of Riga, can be obtained from the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department (5 Kr. Valdemāra Street), as well as by calling 67026816, or via e-mail iksd@riga.lv.

Libraries

Public library services within the municipality of Riga are provided by the Riga Central Library (RCL) and its 26 branch libraries, as well as its three external service sites. It is possible to borrow from RCL free of charge books, music recordings, films and other materials, to read newspapers, magazines and reference editions, receive advice from a librarian, as well as to use computers with Internet connection, including Wi-Fi Internet for the library users' portable computers. Access to various databases is also ensured on the library computers.

Library is a democratic and friendly environment where to communicate with other people. Moreover, RCL and a number of its branches offer exhibitions and possibilities to participate in interesting events for adults and children. These are meetings with popular personalities, creative workshops, activities for hobby groups, etc.

Information on events open to everybody, as well as on the locations of RCL branches and their opening hours can be found on the website www.rcb.lv.

■ SPORTS

Sports events, competitions

More than 100 sports events are held annually in Riga for various target audiences, both for professional athletes and amateurs, as well as for volkssport fans. Sports competitions are organised for children and adolescents, as well as adults and seniors, likewise – for persons with special needs. Popular events like *Lattelecom* Riga Marathon takes place in Riga, as well as Riga International Velomathon, international track-and-field contest "Rigas kausis", International Rhythmic Gymnastics Contest "Baltijas aplis", International Dance Sport Festival "Baltic Grand Prix", etc. The calendar of sports events in Riga spans numerous diverse disciplines of sports, from sports games and team sports up to individual Olympic and non-Olympic disciplines.

The offer of Volkssport events is extensive; all supporters of active life-style are welcome, but in particular – families with children. At these events creative and attractive workshops, contests and other activities are offered alongside sports activities, also the possibility to receive advice from a sports professional, etc. The most popular Volkssport event is the popular jogging series "Izskrienam Rīgu" [Running through Riga], cross-country race with obstacles "Lāčplēšu kross" [Lāčplēši Cross-country Race], "Vecāķu skrējieni" [Vecāķi Cross-country Race], "Rigas sporta nakts" [Sports Night of Riga], "Ziemas sporta festivāls" [Winter Sports Festival], as well as extensive range of sports activities offered during the Riga City Festival.

Where to look for information on sports contests, including Volkssport and family sport events in the city?

Information on monthly sports events is available on the website www.sports.riga.lv, section Kalendārā [Calendar] (see Figure 8), where descriptions of all events and contests that are held can be found, in particular those that are supported by the municipality. The rules of the contests also can be found on this website, so that anyone wishing to participate could familiarise himself or herself with the rules of the competitions.

The screenshot shows the website www.sports.riga.lv with the 'Sports' section highlighted. The main navigation bar includes 'RD IKSD', 'Izglītība', 'Kultūra', 'Sports', and 'Iesāju katalogs'. The 'Sports' section features a search bar and a list of categories: 'Jaunumi', 'Nolikumi/rezultāti', 'Skolu sacensību', 'Finansēšanas konkursi', 'Galerijas', 'Arhivs', 'Lielākie sporta pasākumi un sacensības Rīgā 2015. gadā', 'Sporta bāzes', 'Lapas karte', 'Aptauja', 'Afīša (27. maijs - 2. jūn)', 'Futbols (3)', 'Orientēšanās (1)', 'Biežāk uzdotie jautājumi', 'Kur lejupielādēt RD IKSD logo?', and 'Parakstīties uz jaunumiem'. The 'Nolikumi/rezultāti' category is highlighted with a red circle and labeled 'Conditions for participation in competitions'. The 'Lielākie sporta pasākumi un sacensības Rīgā 2015. gadā' category is highlighted with a red circle and labeled 'List of competitions'. The 'RTU aicina sportistus pieteikties īpašajām budžeta vietām' article is highlighted with a red circle and labeled 'Calendar of sports events'. The 'Pasākumu kalendārs' section is highlighted with a red circle and labeled 'Calendar of sports events'. The calendar shows the month of May 2015, with the 27th highlighted in red. The 'Aktuāli' section features a 'IZSKRIEN RĪGU' logo and a 'Piešķirtais finansējums sportistu dalībai Pasaules un Eiropas čempionātos' article. The 'LOV sastāvā esošie Rīgas sportisti' article is also visible.

Figure 8

Information on major annual sports events and competitions held in the city that are open to the inhabitants both in the capacity of audience and participants, depending upon the type and specifics of the contest, is also published on the website www.sports.riga.lv (see Figure 8)

Physical activities

All inhabitants of Riga can engage in everyday physical activities, without taking part in organised sports events, since they can use free of charge the sports grounds of Riga educational institutions, the non-standard gymnastics equipment installed there, as well as 35 mini football fields. The inhabitants are also kindly welcome at recently established sports

stadiums: Riga Ostvalds Secondary School (20 Dammes Street), sports centre “Ķengarags” (273 Maskavas Street), Riga Daugavgrīva Secondary School (5C Parādes Street), regional sports centre “Sarkandaugava” (22/24 Sarkandaugava Street). These stadiums may be used free of charge at the time, when training sessions or competitions are not held there. Moreover, in some centres, for example, the regional sports centre “Sarkandaugava” and the Centre of Sports and Active Recreation (15 Uzvaras bulvāris) offer also equipment for rent.

■ MUNICIPAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport in the city is provided by Riga municipal company “Rīgas satiksme”. As of 1 May 2009 only electronic payment system operates in the public transport of Riga, and an e-ticket is required to use public transport services.

What is an e-ticket?

E-ticket is a uniform electronic ticket that allows utilising the most contemporary and convenient means for paying for public transport services. It also allows using the discounts for using public transport granted by the municipality of Riga to people, who are entitled to them in accordance with the Riga City Council Regulation.

How to use an e-ticket?

Upon entering a vehicle of public transport – a bus, trolley-bus or a tram – the blue or yellow e-ticket must be applied to an electronic validator. The ride will be thus registered and the passenger pays for the ride. The passengers who use the 100% discount, for example, school pupils and pensioners, must also register the ride.

Where to find information on the routes and schedules of the city public transport?

Information on the city public transport services, as well as routes and schedules can be found on the website www.rigassatiksme.lv, it provides information in three languages – Latvian, Russian and English.

Toll-free round-the-clock info phone line 80001919

■ LATVIAN LANGUAGE COURSES

Possibilities of mastering the Latvian language in the municipality of Riga?

Every year the municipality of Riga provides the possibility to the inhabitants of the city, except school pupils and those who have been granted the status of an unemployed, to attend Latvian language courses free of charge. At the beginning of the year the possibility to apply for the Latvian language courses is announced, these are provided by institutions of education that have won the tender held by the municipality. The courses are held at a number of boroughs in Riga; thus, the inhabitants have the possibility to attend Latvian language training courses in a venue that is convenient for them.

Information on registering for courses is available on the website of the Riga City Council Education, Culture and Sports Department www.iksd.riga.lv, by selecting the Russian or English language version of the site, information can be found in the sub-section *Latviešu valodas kursi* [Latvian Language Courses].

Possibilities to learn Latvian on - line

The Latvian Language Agency (www.valoda.lv) offers a number of Internet resources for mastering the Latvian language

E-study aids for mastering the Latvian language can be found on the website
www.valoda.lv/Valodas_apguve/E-macibu_lidzekli/768/mid_578

Electronic A1 level study course (with Russian as the intermediary language)

The electronic course is intended for self-study, but it can be also used as supplementary material at Latvian language courses.

http://maciunmacies.valoda.lv/images/speles/Latviesu_valoda_A1/A1/Saturs.htm

Electronic A2 level study course (with Russian as the intermediary language)

The electronic course is intended for self-study, but it can be also used as supplementary material at Latvian language courses.

http://maciunmacies.valoda.lv/images/speles/Latviesu_valoda_A2/A2/Saturs.htm

Electronic A1 level study course (with English or Russian as the intermediary language)

The electronic course is intended for self-study, but it can be also used as supplementary material at Latvian language courses.

http://valoda.lv/Papildus_Materiali/eapmaciba2/default.htm

Electronic A1 level study course (with English or Russian as the intermediary language)

The electronic course is intended for self-study, but it can be also used as supplementary material at Latvian language courses.

http://valoda.lv/Papildus_Materiali/LVA-2-dala/default.htm

■ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

■ **The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs** has the jurisdiction to issue identity documents and travel documents, to maintain the Population Register and implement the state migration policy, among other, development of repatriation and asylum policy, determining the legal status of persons, naturalisation, etc.

The website of the Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs www.pmlp.gov.lv provides information in Latvian, Russian and English.

■ **Society "Shelter Safe House"** was established with the aim to develop support services to victims of human trafficking, legal immigrants, including asylum seekers, refugees and persons that have been granted alternative status. The website of the organisation www.patverums-dm.lv, section "Information for immigrants" provides answers to a number of questions, which might be relevant for newly arrived persons, in particular for third country nationals: residence permits, employment, entrepreneurship, health care, education, social security, etc. Information is available in Latvian, Russian and English.

■ **Association "Workshop of Solutions"** operates with the aim to initiate and support public involvement in the decision taking processes on all possible levels – local, national or the EU level – and to bring together decision makers and those to be influenced by their decisions. The website of the organisation <http://www.workshopofsolutions.com/index.php/lv>, section "Developed Materials" offers material "Compass for Living in Latvia

for Students – Third-country nationals: Education and integration”, offering answers to questions of interest to foreign students.

■ **The Latvian Centre for Human Rights** is an independent non-governmental organization, which works with integration (minority rights and promotion of tolerance) issues, elimination of discrimination and hate crimes, asylum, migration and fundamental rights (freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, etc.) issues, as well as human rights observation in closed institutions (prisons, police, immigration detention places.) Cases of discrimination can be reported on the organisation's website www.cilvektiesibas.org.lv, section “Report Discrimination”.

■ **Portal of the Riga municipality newspaper** www.info.riga.lv. The portal provides to the inhabitants of Riga comprehensive and regular information on the municipal news, thus promoting the involvement of Riga’s inhabitants in the decision taking process at the City Council; it also provides practical, applicable information for dealing with everyday problems in different fields of municipality work. Information is provided in both Latvian and Russian.

Šī publikācija ir sagatavota projekta „Esam rīdzinieki!” ietvaros. Projektu īstenoja Rīgas domes Izglītības, kultūras un sporta departaments sadarbībā ar Rīgas Izglītības un informatīvi metodisko centru ar Eiropas Trešo valstu valstspiederīgo integrācijas fonda (75%) un valsts budžeta līdzekļu (25%) finansējumu. (Granta līguma nr. IF/2013/1.a./14.).

Par šī dokumenta saturu pilnībā atbild Rīgas domes Izglītības, kultūras un sporta departaments un tas nevar tikt uzskatīts par Eiropas Savienības viedokli.



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of migration flows* ★ ★ ★
★★★

*European Fund
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