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According to the law, a summons or other notice is handed personally to the citizen against signature on receipt. If the person is not at home, the summons may be handed (upon consent) to any adult family member living with them, and in this case, the recipient is considered fully notified. If the summons is addressed to an organisation, it must be delivered to an employee who signs the receipt.[767]

In addition to paper summonses, delivery of electronic summonses has been introduced nationwide.[768] Researcher Huseyn Aliyev noted that the electronic delivery of summonses started in March 2025, with a growing number being sent out after July 2025.[769] As noted by a human rights lawyer, according to a military commissioner of Bryansk region, in August 2025, military enlistment officers were connected to the electronic military registry, after which the first electronic summonses were sent out through the state services portal *Gosuslugi*. The expert added that many people reported receiving electronic summonses from military enlistment offices through *Gosuslugi*.[770] Military enlistment offices send out summonses on a regular basis, including outside of the conscription periods, for instance to confirm certain details.[771]

During the autumn draft of 2025, conscription summonses were reportedly issued solely in electronic form in Moscow oblast, Ryazan oblast, Mari El Republic, and Sakhalin oblast.[772] According to Artem Klyga, as of 31 October 2025, delivery of electronic summonses – in addition to paper summonses – was recorded in 20 regions across Russia. Besides the ones mentioned above, these regions included Mordovia, Krasnodar krai, Perm krai, Khabarovsk krai, Zabaikalsky krai, Smolensk oblast, Buryatia, Krasnoyarsk krai, Tver oblast, Karelia, Chelyabinsk oblast, Altai krai, Nizhny Novgorod oblast, Saratov oblast, Pskov oblast, Samara oblast, and the city of St. Petersburg.[773] According to researcher Huseyn Aliyev, electronic notices have also been introduced in the republics of the North Caucasus.[774] A human rights lawyer has also mentioned Leningrad and Omsk oblasts, noting that overall the system should be working across the country.[775]

According to the law, a conscription summons is considered delivered seven days after it has been lodged in the electronic register, requiring the person to report to the military enlistment office within that time.[776] From the day a conscription summons is lodged, the person is prohibited from leaving Russia. If the person fails to appear at the military enlistment office within 20 days from the date indicated in the summons, other restrictions would be imposed,

including bans on registering as an individual entrepreneur, registering real estate or vehicles, obtaining loans, and driving vehicles.777

As noted by a human rights lawyer, there were various reports on restrictions imposed on individuals who failed to appear at a military enlistment office after receiving an electronic summons via the *Gosuslugi* portal.778 According to Artem Klyga, the primary measure is a travel ban; in one case, a conscript registered in Krasnodar krai was prevented from leaving Russia at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport. The source noted that other restrictions, such as a ban on property registration, driving, taking a bank loan, or registering as an entrepreneur, have not yet been implemented as of October 2025.779

In September 2025, media sources reported that a person allegedly required to appear for a medical examination was prevented from leaving Russia at the same airport, as the travel ban appeared in the border control database.780 However, Russia-based Movement of Conscientious Objectors, which also reported on the incident, noted some doubts about the authenticity of the case, since the provided documentation did not specify which military enlistment office issued the restriction.781 As noted by Huseyn Aliyev, in 2024 and 2025, there were some cases where individuals attempted to leave Russia by plane after receiving conscription summonses: reportedly, some were denied boarding, detained, or fined for failing to appear at a military enlistment office. In other cases, the border control could not detect that they had pending summonses, so they were able to leave.782

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