

# Meet the Russian Man Who Chose Hospital Work Over the Military

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Military service is compulsory for Russian men over the age of 18. According to the Constitution, however, every citizen has the right to substitute military with civil service if they can prove serving in the army contradicts their “philosophical, moral, ethical, political or religious beliefs.”

Instead of enlisting, Pavel Skorik chose to work at Pokrovskaya hospital in St. Petersburg. Photographer Denis Tarasov spent a day with him to see what civil service in Russia looks like. For more, see Tarasov’s [website](#).

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