

# Russian Universities Admit Twice as Many Ukraine War Veterans for 2024-25 Academic Year

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The Russian State University for the Humanities. **Stoyan Vasev / TASS**

Russian universities admitted almost twice as many Ukraine war veterans and their children for the upcoming academic year compared to 2023-24, Russia's Education and Science Ministry [said](#) Thursday in comments to the Interfax news agency.

President Vladimir Putin in 2022 ordered a 10% university admission quota for war veterans and their children, granting them priority and clearing them for entrance exams.

For the 2024-25 academic year, Russian universities enrolled 14,900 veterans and their children under the presidential quota, [almost double](#) the 8,500 enrolled in 2023.

Investigative media outlets previously reported that most war veterans who applied to Russia's top universities were admitted despite failing their entrance exams.

In the 2023-24 academic year, around 1,000 universities across the country admitted a total

of 4.5 million students, including 1.2 million freshmen.

Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Chernyshenko [said](#) earlier this week that more than 48,000 war veterans, their children, as well as orphans and disabled people, were eligible to enroll in the 2024 academic year under a "separate quota."

Overall, Chernyshenko said more than 1 million people submitted 2.8 million admission applications so far, with state-funded education allocated for more than 620,000 applicants.

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