## The Flag of Russia

Russia's flag was adopted on August 21, 1991. It has three equal horizontal stripes of white (top), blue (middle) and red (the bottom).

The flag design was first used by Peter the Great over 300 years ago and is believed to have been adapted from the Dutch flag. From May 1883 to November 1917, when the Bolshevik revolution occurred, it was the official flag of Russia. In 1991 the flag was reinstated when the communist regime fell.

Each year on the 21st of August, Russia celebrates national "Day of State Flag".