

right to seek a new job within two months without loss of privileges. We have the right to grant them one more month, but only if our employment centre cannot find work for them.

Common sense would suggest that if there is no work in one region, a person should seek work elsewhere. But here we encounter a substantial "however".

First of all, far from every family is willing to leave Norilsk merely to find work for a second member of the family. But current standards - the quality of life here is rather high - and supplies are quite good. The housing problem is being solved successfully, and a network of institutions is developing to offer social and everyday services.

But even if someone wishes to leave here, it would not be so simple to do so. The majority of Norilsk residents have reserved apartments on the "mainland".