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Introduction

This digest has been prepared by the WPK consultants based on the main migration rules in Kazakhstan.

Here you will find up-to-date information on the procedure for entry and stay of foreign citizens in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the rates of state duties and administrative fines. We hope that the presented material will be useful if you plan to visit Kazakhstan or invite foreign workers, business visitors or relatives.

More information on the wpk.kz website at the link in the QR



Sincerely,
WPK Group Team

Notification of stay of a foreigner

According to the current rules*, the host party is obliged to notify the migration service about the arrival of a foreigner in Kazakhstan, as well as about the change of temporary addresses. Notification of arrival of a foreigner is required within 3 business days since arrival date in Kazakhstan.

Notification is required in all cases, regardless of the purpose of entry - on a visa or under a visa-free regime. The notification is submitted by the host party. The foreigner himself does not need to apply to the migration service.

Notification can be submitted in several ways:

- Online - through the Visa and Migration Portal (vmp.gov.kz)
- Electronically - through the eQonaq.kz information system

Important: Late submission of the notification entails a fine for the host party in the amount of 10 to 20 MCI**. Repeated violation within a year entails a 1-year ban on issuing visa invitations***.

** paragraph 9 of the Rules for entry and stay of immigrants in the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as their departure from the Republic of Kazakhstan*

***Article 518 of the Code of Administrative Offenses*

****Article 48 of the Law on Population Migration*

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Visa-free regime under unilateral agreements

Foreigners from 53 countries do not need a visa to enter the Republic of Kazakhstan. You can use the visa-free regime to visit Kazakhstan for tourism, private and business purposes.

Simplified visa-free entry allows you to freely stay and move throughout the country for 30 calendar days. To do this, it is enough to have a valid passport with you.

Important: the total period of stay in Kazakhstan should not exceed 90 calendar days during each 180-days period, but no more 120 calendar days in 1 calendar year. For a longer stay, we recommend you to apply for an appropriate visa.

53 countries of visa waiver			
Australia	France	Luxembourg	Singapore
Austria	Germany	Malaysia	Slovakia
Bahrain	Greece	Malta	Slovenia
Belgium	Hungary	Mexico	Spain
Bulgaria	Iceland	Monaco	Sweden
Canada	Indonesia	Netherlands	Switzerland
Chile	Ireland	New Zealand	Thailand
Colombia	Israel	Norway	UK
Croatia	Italy	Oman	USA
Cyprus	Japan	Philippines	Vatican
Czech Republic	Kuwait	Poland	Vietnam
Denmark	Latvia	Portugal	
Estonia	Liechtenstein	Romania	
Finland	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia	

Order of entry to KZ
visa-free

Purpose of visit to KZ
- business
- tourism
- private

Labor activity
under visa-free regime
is prohibited

Period of stay
up to 30 days (no more 90 calendar
days within 180-day period, but no
more 120 calendar days in 1 calendar
year)

Visa Calculator



Here you can easily
and quickly calculate
the number of days
of stay in Kazakhstan.

14 days visa-free stay. 2 countries



Order of entry to KZ
visa-free




























Purpose of visit to KZ
- business
- tourism
- private

Labor activity
under visa-free regime
is prohibited

Period of stay
up to 14 days (but no more than
42 days within 180-day period)

Extension of stay in the RoK
is not applicable

Visa-free regime under bilateral agreements

Citizenship	Entry to kz	Period of stay
NEAR ABROAD		
 ARMENIA	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 AZERBAIJAN	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 BELARUS	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 GEORGIA	visa-free	up to 90 days or visa term
 KYRGYZSTAN	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 MOLDOVA	visa-free	up to 90 days or visa term
 RUSSIA	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 TAJIKISTAN	visa-free	up to 90 days or temporary residence permit term
 UKRAINE	visa-free	up to 90 days within a 180-day period or visa term
 UZBEKISTAN	visa-free	up to 30 days or temporary residence permit term
FAR ABROAD		
 ALBANIA	visa-free	up to 90 days during a year or visa term
 ANDORRA	visa-free	up to 90 days or visa term
 ARGENTINA	visa-free	up to 30 days during a year or visa term
 BRAZIL	visa-free	up to 30 days during a year or visa term
 CHINA	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC*	visa-free	up to 60 days or visa term
 ECUADOR	visa-free	up to 30 days in each 180-day period, or visa term
 HONG KONG	visa-free	up to 14 days or visa term
 MALDIVES	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 MONGOLIA	visa-free	up to 90 days or visa term
 QATAR	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 SAN MARINO	visa-free	up to 90 days or visa term
 SERBIA	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 SEYCHELLES*	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 SOUTH KOREA	visa-free	up to 30 days but not more than 60 calendar days in each 180-day period, or visa term
 TURKEY	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term
 UAE	visa-free	up to 30 days or visa term

*at the stage of approval of regulations

Visa regime

You may need a visa depending on your purpose of the visit and duration of stay in Kazakhstan. For example, travel for consulting services requires a B2 visa.

Below are the most common categories of visas issued in Kazakhstan:

A5 Investor visa	Multiple entry visa is issued for a period of up to 5 years with the right of extension for up to 3 years in Kazakhstan.
B1 Business visa	Single-entry visa is issued for a period of up to 90 days (a stay period of no more than 60 days). Multiple-entry visa- up to 1 year (with the right to stay for no more than 60 days at each entry into the country).
B2 Business visa	Single-entry visa is issued for up to 90 days (with the right to stay up to 30 days). Multiple-entry visa is- up to 180 days (with the right to stay up to 90 days).
B3 Business visa	Single-entry visa is issued for a period of up to 90 days and (a stay period of no more than 30 days). Multiple-entry visa- up to 1 year (with the right to stay for no more than 30 days at each entry into the country).
B8 Visa for obtaining residence permit	Visa is issued for a period of up to 90 days with the right of extension for up to 30 days
B10 Private visa	Single-entry visa is issued for up to 90 days (with the right to stay for the entire period of visa validity). Multiple entry visa is issued for a period of from 180 days to 3 years (with the right to stay for no more than 90 days at each entry into the country).
B12 Tourist visa	Single-entry tourist visa is issued for a period of up to 90 days and (a stay period of no more than 30 days). Multiple-entry visa- up to 90 days (with the right to stay for no more than 30 days at each entry into the country).
C2 Family reunion visa	Single-entry visa is issued for up to 90 days of stay. Multiple-entry visa – up to 1 year.
C3 Work visa	Multiple-entry visa is issued for the period of 1 year up to 3 years.
C5 for Business Immigrant	Single-entry visa is issued for a period up to 90 days (with the right to stay for the entire period of validity of the visa). A multiple-entry visa-up to 2 years.
C9 Study Visa	Single-entry visa is issued for a period up to 90 days (with the right to stay for the entire period of validity of the visa). A multiple-entry visa-up to 1 year.
C11 for minors	Single-entry visa is issued for up to 1 year. Multiple-entry visa – up to 3 years.

More information about the classification of visas of the RoK on our website:



Change of visa category

The current immigration rules provide the possibility of changing a visa of one category to another without the leaving Kazakhstan.

Issuance of visas is carried out by the MIA of the RoK

Visa to be issued	Which type of visa allows change of category								
C3 work	B2 business	B3 business	B7* internship	B10 private	C2 family reunion	C3* work	C9 study	C10 private (for ethnic Kazakhs)	
A5 investor	B3 business	B10 private	C3 work	C4 self-employment	C5 business immigrant	C10 private (for ethnic Kazakhs)			
C4 self-employment	B10 private	C2 family reunion	C9 study	C10 private (for ethnic Kazakhs)					
C2 family reunion	B10 private	C3 work	C9 study						
B2 business (AIFC participants and authorities)	B3 business	B7 internship	C3 work						
B7 internship	C9 study								
B8 permanent residence in the RoK	C3 work								
C1 permanent residence in the RoK	All visa categories (for ethnic Kazakhs)								
C9 study	All visa categories (for ethnic Kazakhs) as well as individuals travelling under visa-free regime								
C12 medical treatment	All visa categories including individuals travelling under visa-free regime								

*B7- individuals undergoing training programs of the Astana Hub
*C3 work when changing an employer

Simplified visa procedure

According to the current regulations, a visa is issued on the basis of an invitation from Kazakhstan side. However, such an invitation is not required for citizens of 48 countries* to obtain a single entry visa for up to 30 days of the following category:

- A3 service
- B1, B3 business
- B10 private
- B12 tourist

This means that you can apply for a visa at the Kazakh Consulate in your country of residence without a letter of invitation from Kazakhstan side.

*48 economically developed and politically stable countries

Australia	France	Liechtenstein	Qatar
Austria	Germany	Lithuania	Romania
Belgium	Great Britain	Luxembourg	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Greece	Malaysia	Singapore
Bulgaria	Hungary	Malta	Slovakia
Canada	Iceland	Monaco	Slovenia
Croatia	Ireland	Netherlands	South Korea
Cyprus	Israel	New Zealand	Spain
Czech Republic	Italy	Norway	Sweden
Denmark	Japan	Oman	Switzerland
Estonia	Jordan	Poland	UAE
Finland	Latvia	Portugal	USA

Visa fees

Here is a table of state fees for issuing visas to Kazakhstan in the current year.

The amount of the state fee is indicated in the monthly calculation index (MCI).

Procedure	State duty
Issuance of an invitation letter for a visa	0,5 MCI
Issuance of a multiple-entry visa on the territory of the RoK	30 MCI
Extension of a multiple-entry visa on the territory of the RoK	30 MCI
Issuance of an exit visa (cancellation of a visa)	0,5 MCI
Issuance of a B8 visa for obtaining residence permit	7 MCI (single-entry) 30 MCI (multiple-entry)

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Note: the rates of consular fees for issuing a visa at Embassies of the RoK remained unchanged:

Single entry visa - \$80

Multiple entry visa - \$200 (for 1 year)

E-visa

According to the current regulations, citizens of 109 countries* can apply for the electronic visa to Kazakhstan.

In order to apply for the electronic visa, a foreigner will need an invitation letter from the Kazakhstan part (receiving person). The invitation is valid only for the visa recipient, does not apply to accompanying persons or family members and is not subject to renewal on the territory of the RoK.

The electronic visa is obtained through the Visa and Migration Portal vmp.gov.kz.

The following categories of single-entry visas are available for e-Visa:

B1, B2, B3 business	from 30 to 60 days of stay
B12 tourist	up to 30 days of stay
C12 for medical treatment	до 90 дней пребывания

Pay attention:

- you can arrive in Kazakhstan with the electronic visa only by air flight
- when passing through the border control and during your stay in the country, you must have national passport and electronic visa in printed form
- e-Visa holders are exempt from the migration registration (TRP) upon arrival in Kazakhstan. It is sufficient for the host entity to submit a notification to the migration service about your stay in the country. This should be done within 3 business days since your entry date.
- you need to apply for new electronic visa in case of passport renewal/replacement



**list of countries and more detailed information about e-visa to Kazakhstan is available at the link in this QR code*



Temporary residence permit (TRP)

A temporary residence permit is issued for citizens of the CIS countries*.

TRP is issued for up to 1 year for the following purposes:

- labor activity (on the basis of an employment and civil contract (for the EAEU countries), a work permit, a labor patent.)
- entrepreneurial activity as a business immigrant
- family reunion
- study
- treatment
- missionary activity

The permit is issued by the receiving party (individual or legal entity) at the Public Service Center if there is a notification of the foreigner's arrival (see page 4) and IIN*. Children under 16 years of age do not need a TRP. Accompanying spouse(s), as well as children over 16 years of age, must apply for a TRP.

Important:

- upon leaving Kazakhstan, the TRP remains valid until the end of the issued period. The next time when you enter the country, you do not need to apply for a TRP again.
- Individual Identification Number (IIN) must be corrected after passport change

*except Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine. Visa is required for citizens of these countries.

**IIN is necessary for a foreigner to open a bank account, receive wages in the territory of the RoK, obtain an EDS, receive public services, pay state duties, consular fees and other payments.



More information available
on our website (ru)

Consular legalization and apostille of documents in Kazakhstan

In order for an official document of Kazakhstani origin to be valid abroad, it must be legalised in Kazakhstan in advance.

There are two types of legalisation of official documents:

- consular legalisation
- apostille

Consular legalisation of documents is required in those countries that have not acceded to the Hague Convention. For example, UAE, Qatar, Egypt, Kuwait, Thailand, Vietnam, etc.

Apostille is a simplified procedure for legalisation of documents between countries that have acceded to the Hague Convention of 5 October 1961.

The following Kazakhstani documents can be legalized or apostilled for submission to other countries:

- education diploma (including an appendix)
- university archive certificate
- general secondary education certificate
- marriage certificate, certificate of birth
- certificate of marriageability
- certificate of criminal record and tax residency
- other official document



More information about legalization and apostille is available at this link

Administrative offenses

Regarding the foreigner (Article 517 of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the RoK)

Type of violation	State duty
Untimely departure from the country within the timeframe established by the law: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 3 days • from 3 to 5 days • from 5 to 10 days • more than 10 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • administrative warning • 10 MCI • 15 MCI • 25 MCI (or deportation)
Repeated violation within a year after imposing a penalty	15 MCI (or deportation)
Employment without a valid work permit (if such is required), non-compliance of the work carried out with the activity purposes specified in the visa	25 MCI (or arrest for 10 days or deportation)

Regarding the host party (Article 518 of the Code of Administrative Offenses of the RoK)

Type of violation	State duty
Untimely notification of the migration service as well as failure to take measures to process documents for the right of stay of foreigners and their timely departure from the RoK.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 MCI (small business entity) • 15 MCI (medium business entity) • 20 MCI (large business entity)
Repeated violation within a year after imposing a penalty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 MCI (small business entity) • 70 MCI (medium business entity) • 100 MCI (large business entity) • ban on inviting foreign nationals

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Regulatory and legal framework

The information in the migration digest has been prepared on the basis of the following legal acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan as of February 2024:

- 1) Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan «On Migration of the Population»
- 2) Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan «On the Legal Status of Foreigners»
- 3) Rules for issuing invitations, approving invitations for entry of foreigners and stateless persons into the RoK, issuing, canceling, recovering visas of the RoK, as well as extending and reducing their validity.
- 4) Rules for the entry and stay of immigrants in the RoK, as well as their departure from the RoK and the Rules for the implementation of migration control, as well as accounting for foreigners and stateless crossing persons the illegally state border of the RoK, illegally staying on the territory of the RoK, as well as people who are prohibited from entering the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- 5) Rules for provision by hosts information about the immigrants staying with them, and also transit passage of foreigners and people without citizenship on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- 6) Code of the RoK on «Administrative offenses»

About WPK

Since its foundation in 2002, WPK company specializes in provision of the visa & migration services in Kazakhstan.

We consult and accompany foreign citizens, investors, embassies and international companies on the issues of entry and stay of foreigners in the RoK.

WPK is a member of the associations "BeNeLux Chamber of Commerce", CCI France Kazakhstan, as well as a partner of Fragomen and Newland Chase.

Our clients



We regularly organize conferences and business meetings together with representatives of governmental authorities and other competent entities for our clients.



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