

## **Information on new rules for foreign citizens' registration in the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Pursuant to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan On Migration of the Population and the Rules of Entry and Staying of Foreign citizens in the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as Their Exit from the Republic of Kazakhstan adopted by the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated January 28, 2000#136, foreign citizens temporarily residing in the Republic of Kazakhstan must register within five calendar days from their entry to the country.

Registration should be done at the place of foreigners' staying in divisions of the migration police, which are available in each city and regional departments of internal affairs.

To register it is necessary to submit to an officer of the migration police a valid passport, a migration card with a frontier cross mark and an appeal of the receiving party (an individual or a legal entity). Persons with a tourist visas can submit a personal application.

A number of hotels have been given the right to register foreigners.

Pursuant to the Regulation of the Government dated August 20, 2004 #881, new Rules for Foreign Citizens Registration have been elaborated that simplified the registration procedure.

According to these Rules, since June 1, 2005 registration of all foreign citizens arriving to Kazakhstan through 12 international airports and the railway station check point "Druzhba"/Friendship/ has been conducted at the moment of the frontier crossing.

From January 1, 2006 registration of all foreign citizens will be accomplished at automobile road check points Khorgos, Dostyk, Bakhty, Maikapchagay, Korday, Kol'zhat and sea check points Aktau and Bautino.

Since August 1, 2005 registration of the foreigners' passports of 28 economically developed and politically stable states has been done simultaneously with issuance of business, tourist, private, diplomatic or service visas in a consular department of the Republic of Kazakhstan abroad (those are citizens of the Australian Union, the Austrian Republic, the Kingdom of Belgium, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland, the Greece Republic, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Ireland Republic, the Iceland Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Italian Republic, Canada, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Duchy of Luxemburg, Malaysia, the Principality of Monaco, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the New Zealand, the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Singapore, the United States of America, the Finland Republic, the French Republic, the Federative Republic of Germany, the Switzerland Confederation, the Kingdom of Swiss, Japan and the Republic of Korea).

Consulates of Kazakhstan abroad have already performed registration of foreign citizens' passports, possessors of diplomatic, service and investor visas.

After the receipt of a migration card in a department of the Frontier Service of the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan (NSC RK) with the entry and registration marks, a foreign citizens does not need to register in the migration police of the Internal Affairs Ministry. The registration is valid for three months. After expiration it will be necessary to apply to the migration police for extension of the registration period.

Passport registration for citizens of the abovementioned 28 countries, who cross the border of the Republic of Kazakhstan and have not registered due to some reasons at the frontier departments of the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan, should be done at divisions of the frontier control of the Frontier Service of NSC RK in the said check points at the state border. Similarly to the above stated procedure, if a foreigner due to some reasons has not received the registration during the state border crossing at a border cross check, he/she will have to register in the migration police of the Internal Affairs Ministry.

In the prospect, as soon as appropriate equipment is installed, such procedure will be introduced at all cross check points at the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Registration of foreign citizens' passports is free of charge.

Besides, in the event of deviation from the registration Article 394 (Part 1) of the Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Administrative Violations provides imposing a penalty.

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