

Rules for obtaining visa of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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Foreign citizens and those without citizenship need to obtain a visa for entrance to the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan (RK), if otherwise is not regulated by the international agreements of the RK.

The visa of the RK is glued in the passport or other acceptable document by the RK document, proving the identity, and valid for passage (passport should expire in 6 months after the end of term of Kazakhstani visa), and gives the right to enter and stay in the RK, as well as to leave it or cross the territory of the RK by transit.

1. The basis for issuing visa of the Republic of Kazakhstan and prolongation of visa are applications of international organizations, foreign countries' representations as well as the state organizations of the RK to the Department of Consular Service (DCS) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan (MFA) in Astana or its representation in the city of Almaty.

Non-state organizations inviting foreign citizens as **tourists and with business purposes** need to submit written applications to the DCS of the MFA after issuance of permit of local subdivisions of migration police service of the regional level (as for the residents of Astana and Almaty cities - migration police of the Ministry of internal affairs departments in Astana and Almaty cities).

For invitation of the citizens of Australia, Austria, Andorra, Argentine, Belgium, Bulgaria, Brazil, Vatican, the Great Britain, Hungary, Greece, Denmark, Israel, Ireland, Iceland, Spain, Italy, Canada, Cyprus, the Republic of Korea, Costa-Rika, Cuba, Latvia, Lithuania, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San-Marine, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, the USA, Turkey, Uruguay, Czechia, Chili, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, France, BRD, Estonia, South African Republic (SAR), Jamaica, Japan with business or tourist purposes a permit from the internal affairs bodies, is not required, i.e. that invitations of host organizations should be submitted directly to the DCS of the MFA (Astana or Almaty).

For foreign citizens arriving to the Republic of Kazakhstan on **personal** matters, the permit to enter Kazakhstan should be processed by the internal affairs bodies (police) of the RK.

2. For obtaining visa of the RK foreign citizens should apply to a diplomatic/consular institution of the RK in the country of residence submitting valid passport (or international travel document), a copy of invitation letter with a notification of a number of visa support of the DCS of the MFA (or original of an individual invitation issued by the Police), filled visa application and photo. Validity of passport should not expire earlier than three months after expiration of the validity term of the requested visa. The necessity of other documents provision is to be determined by the consul on the spot.

3. For foreign citizens arriving to the RK together with spouses, children or parents - citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan, visa can be issued on the basis of applications of the named relatives, for the term of one month, but not more than twice a year (this restriction could not be related to under age foreign citizens, traveling together with parents - who are citizens of the RK);

4. In case of sickness or death of close relatives, issuance of visa is allowed on the basis of relevant international telegram from the RK, attested by a doctor.

5. For foreign citizens - emigrants from the Republic of Kazakhstan private visas can be issued for the term of not more than three months to visit native places and graves of relatives on the basis of their own appeals (without requests of tourist companies') and confirming documents such as relevant column in a passport, certificate of birth in the RK or copies of document on burial of a close relative in the RK, or certificate of transfer out of citizenship of the RK.

6. With the purpose of further liberalization of the order of visiting historical native land, private visa can be issued twice a year for the term of three months on the basis of their own applications.

In order to get single entry official, private, tourist, business visa in the Embassies of Kazakhstan foreign citizens mentioned in para 3, 4, 5 and 6 as well as nationals of the following countries do not need letter of visa invitation (visa support) : - Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Iceland, Germany, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Singapore, USA, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, France, Republic of Korea.

7. **Diplomatic visas** are issued to the holders of diplomatic passports and in some instances, when the issue of a diplomatic visa has been recognized expedient. Diplomatic visas are registered without levy of consular fees.

8. **Official visas** are issued to personnel of foreign diplomatic and other representations and international organizations, who are not referred to the diplomatic category, and also to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship traveling on business matter, invited by state legal bodies of the RK.

9. **Investor visas** are issued to real investors - managers and representatives of managerial staff of major foreign companies, operating on the Kazakhstani market or who have real plans to develop business projects.

10. For issuance of "**work**" **visa** in addition to other documents, it is necessary to provide a permission for foreign labor recruitment, if otherwise is not regulated by an international treaty or the RK agreement.

11. **Business visa** is issued to foreign citizens and persons without citizenship traveling to the RK with business purposes (for participation in business negotiations, different forums, market research, etc.) on the basis of applications of non-state legal entities, registered on the territory of the RK.

12. For issuance of **tourist visa** it is necessary to obtain approval on admission of the tourist organization of the RK, which should have a license granting a right to implement a tourist activity.

For citizens of the countries indicated in the item 2, tourist visa can be issued in consular posts of the MFA in the airports of Astana, Almaty, Atyrau, Uralsk and Ust-Kamenogorsk on the basis of applications of tourist organizations to the DCS of the RK MFA.

13. **Study visa** is issued with permission of internal affairs bodies (migration police) on the basis of petitions of educational institutions.

14. **Visa for medical treatment** is issued to foreigners and persons without citizenship traveling to Kazakhstan for treatment, medical check, consultations and other similar purposes on the issues of petitions of the relevant institutions and organizations confirming the character of the invitation.

15. **Visa for permanent residence** is issued on the basis of necessary documents processed in the order stipulated by the legislation.

16. **Transit visa** of the RK is issued on the basis of documents (visa valid to enter the country of destination) and relevant tickets with confirmation of departure date from the transfer point on the territory of Kazakhstan, not later than 5 days from the moment of arrival to the port or station located in the territory of the RK.

Prolongation of visa is made by institutions of the DCS of the MFA and migration police of regions and the Astana and Almaty cities.

In case of obtaining visa in another place, then it was indicated in visa support due to various circumstances, visa is issued by diplomatic or consular mission of Kazakhstan in the place, where foreign citizen applied.

17. Registration of foreign citizens.

Registration of foreign citizens at the Police should be done within 5 days after their arrival into Kazakhstan. This is also to inform, that the Rule on registration of foreigners now is amended. Nationals of the following countries - Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Greece, Denmark, Italy, Ireland, Iceland, Germany, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malaysia, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Singapore, USA, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, France and Republic of Korea can get registration, while receiving their visas at the Kazakhstan Consulates abroad, or can get registration while crossing border checkpoints at 12 international airports of Kazakhstan. After getting registration at Consulate abroad or at border checkpoint at 12 international airports of Kazakhstan there is no need to apply to Police for registration.

As from 01.01.2006, citizens of all countries arriving through 12 international airports of Kazakhstan, international rail station «Dostyk», through automobile border checkpoints Khorgos, Dostyk, Bakhty, Maikapshagai, Kordai, Kolghat and at sea ports Aktau, Bautino can also get registration at the border. If a foreigner does not get registration at above border checkpoints, it is also possible to obtain it at the local police. Registration is done free of charge.

18. The amount of the fee for consular services for document processing and visa issuance is formed from the amount of the approved consular dues and the amount of reimbursement for actual expenditures, which are collected in USD or in currency of a country where mission of Kazakhstan is accredited on the mutual basis. The diplomatic and consular missions of Kazakhstan in various countries, due to local living levels, have different tariffs of consular dues within the limit of base minimum and maximum amounts of consular dues rates, approved by the Resolution of the Government of the RK of 29.12.2001 # 1751.

In accordance with the basic rates, the amount of consular dues for one-entry visa of the RK for entrance (exit) or its prolongation for the term of less than three months may amount to USD 10-30;

- one-entry-exit or exit-entry visa of the RK or its prolongation for the term of less than 3 months - USD 20-60;
- double entry-exit or exit-entry visa of the RK or its prolongation for the term of less than 3 months – USD 30-90;
- thriple entry-exit or exit-entry visa of the RK or its prolongation for the term of less than 3 months - USD 35-105;
- multiple visa and its prolongation for the term of 1 year - USD 100-200;

- 2 years - USD 200-400;
- tourist one-entry visa for less than 30 days - USD 20-40;
- tourist double-entry visa for less than 60 days - USD 30-60;
- transit visa – USD 10-30.

19. In accordance with the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 23.01.2006 # 46, “investor” visas are issued free of charge.

**Information
about the order of sending of visa support of the Ministry of foreign affairs to
invite foreign citizens to the Republic of Kazakhstan**

For issuance of visa support of the MFA of RK to foreign citizens, traveling to the Republic of Kazakhstan, the inviting organization should submit the following documents to the Department of Consular Service of the MFA :

1. Invitation letter in the fixed form (#1 form).
2. Payment order or receipt of payment of consular fees (not required for budgetary organizations) and actual expenditures.
3. Organization which appealed to the DCS of the MFA for the first time - a notary copies of the charter, registration certificate from the Ministry of Justice of the RK, statistical card, (license for tourist activity in case of invitation the tourists), organizations from other cities should send the named above documents to the following addresses:
Astana, 010000, Left bank of Ishim river, building #35, street #1, Department of Consular Service of the MFA, Passport-visa section, visa support sector.
Or: 65 Aiteke bi St., Almaty, 480091, Department of Consular Service.

Invitation letter should be written in 3 copies, one of which should be submitted to the DCS of the MFA, the second should be sent to the invited persons (by letter, fax, e-mail, etc.), and the third should be kept by the inviting organization.

The DCS within 7 days inform about the number of visa support, which should be send by the inviting organization to the foreign citizen for applying to visa section of Kazakhstan Embassy to receive visa.

Days and time of reception on visa issues: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9 a.m. 12 p.m. In Astana: Left bank of river, Department of Consular Service of the MFA of RK, tel.: (3172) 720575, faxes : (3172) 720460 or 720478.

In Almaty: 65 Aiteke Bi St., Department of Consular Service of the MFA of RK, DCS reception, tel.: (3272) 720939, 720311 , fax: (3272) 720843 .

Payment (for each invited foreign citizen) for reimbursement of actual expenditures (for one-entry visa – Kazakhstan currency unit – «tenge» KZT 1030 , for double, triple and multiple entry visa - KZT 1545) should be paid to the following account :

Beneficiary - РГП на праве хозяйственного ведения «ХОЗУМИДРК»
Beneficiary's bank Р/С 000609733
РНН 620300004058, ОАО КАЗКОММЕРЦБАНК, МФО195301716,
КБЕ16, КНП 868

Consular fee for each invited foreign citizen (visa support for one-entry visa - KZT 206, visa support for double, triple and multiple entry visa - KZT 515) should be effected to the following account:

Beneficiary - Министерство государственных доходов РК, р/с 000080900 код дохода 202201, РНН 032200000017, (за консульские услуги МИД РК)

Beneficiary's bank - Управление Казначейства г.Астаны, МФО195301041
КБЕ 11, КНП 914

Note: In accordance with provisions of the Tariff of consular fees the applications will not be considered unless the consular services are not paid.

**List of countries
having no-visa regime with the Republic of Kazakhstan
for mutual trips of its citizens on various types of passports
or accorded no-visa regime to Kazakhstan citizens**

As of 12.02.2006

Country	National passport	Official passport	Diplomatic passport
Azerbaijan	No visa	No visa	No visa
Armenia	No visa	No visa	No visa
Belarus	No visa	No visa	No visa
Hungary	Visa	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
Georgia	No visa	No visa	No visa
India	Visa	No visa	No visa
Iran	Visa	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
People's Republic of China	Visa	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
Cuba	Visa	No visa up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
Kyrgyzstan	No visa	No visa	No visa
Malaysia** - for Kazakhstan citizens only	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
Moldova	No visa	No visa	No visa
Mongolia	No visa for up to 3 month of stay	No visa for up to 3 month of stay	No visa for up to 3 month of stay
Pakistan	Visa	No visa for up to 1 month	No visa for up to 1 month
Russian Federation	No visa (travel on national I.D. Cards)	No visa	No visa
Romania	Visa	No visa	No visa
Slovakia	Visa	No visa for up to 3 month of stay	No visa for up to 3 month of stay
Tajikistan	No visa	No visa	No visa
Turkey	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay

Turkmenistan	Visa	No visa	No visa
Uzbekistan	No visa	No visa	No visa
Ukraina	No visa for up to 3 months of stay	No visa for up to 3 months of stay	No visa for up to 3 months of stay
Thailand** - for Kazakhstan citizens only	Getting Thai visas on arrival for no more than 15 days for tourism purposes		
Philippines	visa	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay
Singapore** - for Kazakhstan citizens only	visa	No visa for up to 1 month of stay	No visa for up to 1 month of stay

** - for entry into Kazakhstan, citizens of Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia need Kazakhstan visa