

# THE MAIN RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGNERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN



## VISAS

(The Rules for issuing visas of the Republic of Kazakhstan approved by the Joint Order of the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 14, 2009 № 08-1-1-1/457 and the Minister of Interior of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 22, 2009 № 488. Registered at the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on January 20, 2010 № 6011)

### Visas are issued:

abroad - by foreign establishments of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan;  
by the Department of Consular Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

by the Committee of the Migration Police under the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Kazakhstan;  
by Migration Police Offices of Departments of Interior of cities of Astana, Almaty and oblasts.

### Diplomatic visas are issued to:

diplomatic agents of foreign diplomatic representations and consular officials of foreign consulates accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan, travelling to work in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and members of their families;

holders of diplomatic passports travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan on official business;

holders of passports of international organizations having the status equivalent to diplomatic agents;

professional grade employees of international organizations accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan and members of their families;

the heads of foreign states, governments and members of their families;

members of parliaments and governments of foreign states and members of their family members –

holders of diplomatic passports, and members of official foreign delegations and accompanying persons – holders of diplomatic passports;

diplomatic couriers accompanying diplomatic bags with valid courier documentation – holders of diplomatic passports;

Honorary Consuls of the Republic of Kazakhstan and members of their families;

Honorary Consuls of foreign countries accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan and members of their families.

### Service visas are issued to:

holders of passports of international organizations with a status that is not equivalent to a diplomatic agent, as well as holders of national passports working in international organizations;

holders of service passports travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan on official business;

members of official foreign delegations and accompanying persons;

members of administrative and technical staff and service personnel of diplomatic representations and international organizations, consular officers, service staff of consular establishments of foreign states accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan and members of their families;

diplomatic couriers accompanying diplomatic bags with valid courier documentation, who do not have a diplomatic passport;

persons travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan at the invitation of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Central Elections Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan, government bodies directly subordinated and accountable to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the central executive bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

military personnel of foreign countries travelling to Kazakhstan on official business;

persons travelling on a duty assignment to the Republic of Kazakhstan at the invitation of foreign diplomatic representations and consular establishments, and international organizations accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

representatives of mass media accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan and travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan on the basis of an order issued by the MFARK.

### Inventor's visas are issued to

foreigners – managers and top executives of foreign legal entities engaged in investing in the economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

### Business visas are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for business purposes (business trip, negotiating, contracting, consulting and auditing services; participation in conferences, symposia, forums, exhibitions, concerts, cultural, scientific, sporting and other events; programs of youth, students and school exchanges, except for regular courses at educational institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan; implementation of international road transport projects; crew members of regular and charter flights, which do not have a certificate of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), as well as international train and vessel crews; persons accompanying humanitarian aid; scholars visiting for short-term lecture trips, professors teaching at higher educational institutions; installation, repair and maintenance of equipment; founders and co-founders of legal entities registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan).

### Private visas are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan on personal matters (private visits, relatives, friends).

### Tourist visas are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan as tourists having a confirmation of reception of the foreigner by a tourist organization of the Republic of Kazakhstan licensed for tour operating, travel

agent activities and tourist instruction services, and a visa support from the MFARK.

### Missionary visas are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for the purpose of religious education on the basis of an invitation from a religious organization registered on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan and upon approval by the respective authority responsible for relations with religious organizations.

### Visas for study are issued to

foreigners:

travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for admission to secondary and higher educational institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan, or with a purpose of study in these institutions – possessing a proper MFA visa support, issued on the basis of written requests of educational institutions, registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan or the Ministry of Education and Science of RK;

travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan with a purpose of engagement in educational training, internship – on the basis of written requests of legal entities registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, diplomatic representations and consular institutions of foreign states, and international organizations accredited in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

of Kazakh ethnicity (possessing documents proving their ethnic origin), who arrived to the Republic of Kazakhstan on a temporary basis and enrolled in educational institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan - on the basis of written requests of educational institutions registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan or the Ministry of Education and Science of RK.

### Visas for medical treatment are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for treatment, medical examinations and consultations – possessing a proper visa support from the MFA RK issued on the basis of written requests of medical institutions registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan or the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

foreigners staying in the Republic of Kazakhstan in case of occurrence of a need for hospital treatment - on the basis of submission of written applications from individuals or legal entities, and a documentary proof of the necessity of such hospital treatment issued by medical organizations;

foreigners accompanying the above individuals on the basis of written requests of health care institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan or the Ministry of Health RK.

### Work visas are issued to

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan to work – on the basis of the MFA visa support, proper permit to employ foreign labour and a letter of the inviting legal entity, registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

foreigners travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for work, who do not require a permission to engage foreign work force in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and international treaties, to which the Republic of Kazakhstan is a party to - based on a written request of a legal entity registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

non-working family members - dependents of individuals listed above, with an indication in the visa notes section "without the right to work" - based on a written request of a legal entity registered with judicial authorities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, upon submission of documents confirming kinship to the above-mentioned persons, as well as copies of their work category visa.

Visas for work are issued for a single, double, triple and multiple entries.

### Visas for permanent residence are issued to

foreigners:

travelling to the Republic of Kazakhstan for permanent residence - on the basis of personal written requests of foreigners and with proper MFARK visa support issued in coordination with the Committee of National Security of RK and the competent authorities;

visiting the Republic of Kazakhstan on private matters and applying for a permanent residence in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

applying for the status of a refugee or political asylum in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

### Exit visas are issued to

foreigners permanently residing in the Republic of Kazakhstan – on the basis of the permission of internal affairs authorities;

foreigners who have lost their passport or other documents granting the right to cross the state border of the Republic of Kazakhstan while on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan - on the basis of written applications of diplomatic missions, consular institutions of foreign countries and certificates of return to their country of permanent residence;

foreigners who, in accordance with the legislation, are the subject to expulsion from the Republic of Kazakhstan - on the basis of a court ruling on deportation of an alien.

### Transit visas are issued to

foreigners, who are not entitled to visa-free transit, for travel through the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, if they possess travel documents, visa or other grounds entitling entry to a third country.

A transit visa is issued to a foreigner travelling to neighbouring states through the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan in a private vehicle upon submission of the above documents, as well as a valid driver's license and proper documentation for the vehicle.

Period of visa execution shall not exceed five working days.

The validity of a visa will expire no later than three months prior to the expiry of immigrant's passport (Clause 5 of the Rules on Entry and Stay of Immigrants in the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as Their Exit from the Republic of Kazakhstan approved by the Resolution of the Government on January 21, 2012 № 148)

Purpose of stay of foreigners in the Republic of Kazakhstan must strictly correspond to the category of the issued visa.

