

VISA INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF

If you are planning to travel to **Kazakhstan**, please first check whether you require a visa to enter the country.

Visa requirements and application procedures vary by nationality and purpose of visit.


For assistance, please contact the **KIMEP Head of WP and Visa Sector** at  visa@kimep.kz.

I. Visa-Free Entry Regime (up to 30 days)

According to the **Government Decree No. 464, dated July 7, 2022**, citizens of the following **63 countries** may enter and stay in Kazakhstan **without a visa for up to 30 calendar days** from the date of crossing the state border within 180 days.

Visa-free countries include (but are not limited to):

Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, and the United States.

 If you plan to stay **longer than 30 days**, you must apply for an appropriate visa before entering Kazakhstan. Visa extensions **cannot be processed inside Kazakhstan** for visa-free visitors.

II. Visa-Free Entry for CIS and Certain Neighboring Countries

Citizens of the following countries may enter Kazakhstan without a visa under **bilateral agreements**:

Country	Maximum stay period
Azerbaijan	up to 90 days within 180 days
Armenia	up to 90 days within 180 days
Belarus	up to 90 days within 180 days
Georgia	up to 90 days within 180 days
Kyrgyzstan	up to 90 days within 180 days
Moldova	up to 90 days within 180 days


Country	Maximum stay period
Russia	up to 90 days within 180 days
Ukraine	up to 90 days within 180 days
Uzbekistan	up to 30 days (90 days in a total within 180 days)
Tajikistan	up to 90 days within 180 days
Hong Kong SAR	up to 14 days
South Korea	up to 30 days per visit, not exceeding 60 days within 180-day period
Türkiye	up to 30 days within 180 days
India	up to 14 days (42 days in a total within 180 days)
China	up to 14 days (42 days in a total within 180 days)

III. Visa Support and Invitation Letters (All Visa Types)

For long-term visits (employment, research, teaching, internships, etc.), a **visa support letter (invitation)** must be issued through the **Immigration Department**.

To request visa support:

1. Obtain endorsement from your respective **college/unit** at KIMEP.
2. Submit a request to the **KIMEP WP and Visa Sector** at visa@kimep.kz or WhatsApp
3. The WP and Visa Sector will provide the **KIMEP Visa Form**, which must be completed and returned for processing.
4. After approval, you will receive the letter of invitation with a **reference number** to apply for the visa at the **Kazakh Embassy or Consulate** in your country.

 Please submit your request **at least 1 month prior** to your intended arrival date.

IV. Important Notes

- Your **passport must be valid** for at least **3 months beyond** the visa expiry date.
- Visa issuance is **at the discretion** of the Embassy/Consulate of Kazakhstan.
- **Visas are not issued upon arrival** at the airport.
- Foreign citizens who **violate visa or migration regulations** may be subject to administrative fines as stipulated by the Code on Administrative Offenses of the Republic of Kazakhstan.
- Upon arrival, **notification/registration of foreigners** is handled through portals by WP and Visa Sector of KIMEP in 2 calendar days.
- If your stay ends earlier than stated in your visa, you must notify your host department before departure.


V. Required Documents for Visa Application

- Valid passport
 - Visa application form
 - KIMEP invitation letter with reference number (if applicable)
 - Proof of medical insurance
 - Visa fee (as determined by the Embassy)
 - Any additional documents requested by the Embassy/Consulate
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