

Reference guide for adaptation and support of foreign students

Work with international students is carried out in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Education", "On State Youth Policy in the Republic of Kazakhstan"; the state program for the development of education and science of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020-2025; development strategy "Kazakhstan-2050", etc.

The order of enrollment and education of foreign students

The admission of foreign students is carried out on the basis of the rules for the admission of foreign citizens approved in accordance with the established procedure, with the obligatory informing of applicants about the requirements of the migration legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

During the adaptation period (orientation week), explanatory events are held on the issues of migration legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, cultural peculiarities, academic policy and internal documents of the OVPO.

The organization of consultations for foreign students on academic performance, rights and obligations, as well as adaptation to the learning environment is carried out by registrar offices and authorized units responsible for accompanying foreign students.

Educational work and integration

The structural unit in charge of educational work with international students organizes regular educational and cultural events aimed at the formation of traditional values, tolerance and law-abiding behavior.

For effective adaptation of students, trainings, orientation weeks and psychological consultations are conducted with the participation of a certified psychologist. Foreign students are involved in public life through participation in clubs, Olympiads, festivals and other events.

Authorized units, as well as appointed teachers (supervisors), provide advice to foreign students on issues related to the registration of an individual identification number (IIN), obtaining medical insurance, nostrification of educational documents, and, if necessary, the issuance of an identity card (ID card).

Consultations are conducted individually or as part of informational meetings (briefings) after the arrival of students. Responsible persons assist in the preparation of the necessary documents and refer students to the relevant government or accredited organizations.

Social integration:

-Organization of excursions, interactive events, educational seminars. Conducting joint cultural and sports events.

- Creation of support groups for international students.

-Involvement in volunteer and student projects. Introduction of a mentoring system (assistance from student volunteers).

- Organization of adaptation courses on intercultural communication.

-Development of an inclusive environment.

Compliance with the migration legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The International Department for Work with Foreign Students and Teachers monitors compliance with the migration regime for foreign students.

Its functions include:

timely notification to migration authorities of the arrival, departure and change of status of international students;

- registration and extension of temporary residence permits (RVPs);

- registration and extension of visas (in case of visa entry);

- organization of visa invitations for entry of foreign citizens to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In order to improve legal literacy and prevent violations among international students, awareness-raising activities are organized jointly with the migration police and other competent government agencies.

The topic includes:

- rules of migration registration and responsibility for their violation;

- validity periods of visas and permits;

- the procedure for contacting authorized bodies and responsibility for illegal stay in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The main visa and migration rules for foreign citizens residing in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Upon arrival in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan (ROK), all foreign citizens, regardless of the reason, the presence or absence of a visa, must notify the Migration Police Department of their arrival within 3 working days. The notification is written by the inviting party, i.e. upon arrival to study, the university is responsible for this. It is necessary to inform the responsible person at your university about the arrival in advance.

Upon notification, a foreign citizen is given permission to stay in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 30 to 90 days from the date of crossing the border of the Republic of Kazakhstan, i.e. the day of arrival is considered. If you have a visa of the Republic of Kazakhstan, then upon notification, permission is given to stay in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the duration of the visa itself.

Foreign citizens from countries with whom the Republic of Kazakhstan has a visa-free regime, who are going to stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan for more than 30-90 days, must go through the registration/registration process. Foreign citizens from countries with whom the Republic of Kazakhstan has a visa regime, who have entered without a visa, and who intend to stay in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan for more than 30-90 days, must go through the visa application process. Both processes are performed by the inviting party.

Some useful links (subject to change or update):

1) Rules of entry, stay and exit of foreigners:

<https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/P1200000148>

2) The rules for issuing visas of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as extending and shortening their validity periods:

<https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/docs/V1600014531>

3) Foreign embassies and consulates in Kazakhstan:
https://www.orexca.com/rus/kazakhstan/embassies_in_kazakhstan.htm

4) Embassies and Consulates of the Republic of Kazakhstan abroad:
<https://www.orexca.com/rus/kazakhstan/embassy.htm>

5) List of official government agreements in the field of education:
<https://adilet.zan.kz/rus/search/docs/fulltext=%D1%81%D0%BE%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B0%D1%88%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F+%D0%BE%D0%B1+%D0%BE%D0%B1%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%B7%D0%BE%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B8%D0%B8>

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