



2019 Kazakhstan Scholarship Program

GUIDE

for international students

Nur-Sultan

Salem, Kazakstan!

The Republic of Kazakhstan — a country in the center of Eurasia.



The capital — Nur-Sultan. The largest city with the population more than 1.8 million people — Almaty. Kazakhstan is the largest country of Turkic council by the territory. It is washed by waters of the midland Caspian and Aral seas. 14 regions, 87 cities are a part of Kazakhstan.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is the unitary state with a presidential government. The president is the head of state and the Supreme Commander.

The State Emblem of the Republic of Kazakhstan represents the image of a shanyrak (the top vaulted part of a yurt) on a blue background from which extensively in the form of sunshine uyks (bearings) disperse in a frame of wings of mythical horses (fulpars) between which there is a five-pointed star. In the lower part of the coat of arms — the inscription of "QAZAQSTAN".

National flag of the Republic of Kazakhstan represents a rectangular panel of blue color with the image of the sun in its center with 32 beams under which there is the soaring golden eagle. At a staff — a vertical strip with a national ornament.





FACTS and FIGURES

1991, December 16 - Day of declaration of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Population

18 395 660

Area

2 724 902

Area

2nd in CIS
9 – in the world

Currency

Tenge

Biggest cities

Nur-Sultan, Almaty
Shymkent

Religion

Islam, Christianity
Buddhism, Judaism

Time zone

UTC+5
UTC+6

Ethnic groups

Kazakh, Russian
Uzbek, Ukrainian, German,
Uighur, Tatar, etc.





CLIMATE

Climate in the Republic is generally sharp and continental, with accurately expressed seasons.

Average temperature of January — from -19°C in the North and the northeast up to 1°C in the south, the average temperature of July — from 17°C to 31°C respectively.

The summer in the country is hot and droughty.

Temperature can reach 50°C (in the city of Turkestan of the Southern Kazakhstan area). The winter in the country is low-snow fall and cold, temperature can reach -58°C (in the city of Atbasar of the Akmola region and in the city of Pavlodar of the Pavlodar region).



LANGUAGE

State language — Kazakh which is one of the largest languages of Turkic group. The official language used in the country along with state — Russian.

Along with the Kazakh and Russian-language mass media in the country newspapers and magazines, TV programs are in 11 languages, including Ukrainian, Polish, German, Korean, Uigur, Turkish and Dungan. In Kazakhstan 170 Sunday language centers function.





PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

January, 1-2 - New Year's Day

March, 8 – International Women's Day

March, 21-23 – Nauryz (one of the most ancient holidays on Earth, it is as a holiday of spring and renewal of the nature)

May, 1 – Day of solidarity of people of Kazakhstan

May, 9 – Victory's Day

July, 6 – Capital's Day

August, 30 – Constitution Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan

December, 16-17 – The Independence Day





Nur-Sultan

Nur-Sultan – a capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Nur-Sultan was announced by the capital of Kazakhstan on March 23, 2019. The capital is located on river banks of Ishim. In 1999 the City according to the decision of UNESCO was entitled as "City of the World". In Nur-Sultan there are the coordinating bodies of EurAsEC. In the city holds the large activities, including sport events. So, for example, in 2011 the capital hosted the 7th winter Asian games. Besides, in 2017 the city hosted the international specialized Expo 2017 exhibition.

The economy of the city is : trade, transport and communication, construction. For the purpose of attracting investors and development of new competitive productions, the Special economic zone "The New City" functions.

In Nur-Sultan more than ten higher educational institutions are located, among them there are the L. Gumilev Eurasian national university, Academy of public administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kazakh national university of arts, the Kazakhstan branch of M. Lomonosov Moscow State University, Nazarbayev university, etc.

The largest rivers - Ishim and Nura; lakes – Tengiz, Karasor, Korgaldzhin, Balyktykol, Kypshak. The fauna is presented by 55 kinds of animals, 180 kinds of birds and 30 kinds of fish.





HOW TO GET HERE?

«Nursultan Nazarbayev» International airport



You can take bus №10 to get from the airport to the center of the city and to the railway station. Bus №12 can also get to the center of the city. The price - 90 KZT (by bus card), 180 KZT by cash. Service: ASTANA

TAXI. Call-center — 15800. www.astanaairport.kz

«Nurly Zhol» railway station

New railway station opened in 2017, is trademark of the capital. From «Nurly Zhol» station you can get to some cities of Russia and China. To get to the railway station by the following buses:

2, 14, 32, 48, 50, 500, 201.

www.temirzholy.kz



www.epay.railways.kz



Astana railway station

From the old railway station you can get by a direct train to such cities as Semey, Kostanay, Zheskazgan, Shymkent, Almaty, Petropavlovsk,



Karagandy and other cities of Kazakhstan. From here you can get to the cities of the neighboring countries, such as Tashkent, Vitebsk, Gomel, Moscow, Bishkek and others. Buses: № 3,7,9,10,12,14,19,21,22,23,25,26,31,37,40,48.

Bus station



Bus station has convenient location and is near Astana railway station (in 150 meters).

Detailed map of the cities of Kazakhstan: www.2gis.kz, free app on IOS and Android





BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

Who can apply?

Foreign citizen or a person of Kazakh nationality who is not citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Eligibility

Applicant provides:

- certificate or diploma of basic secondary education with a grade of no less than "good";
- knowledge of the planned language of study with not less than B2 level in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

How to enter university?

The stages of competitive selection for entering Kazakhstan University:

- online registration with documents submission (<http://enic-kazakhstan.kz/en/>);
- selection of Kazakhstan university and education program;
- testing to identify the adaptive potential;
- online interview;
- consideration a package of documents and testing results.

Required documents:

- Application with the indication of educational program;
- Copy of ID;
- Copy of document on previous level of education (with transcript if available);
- Motivational essay in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Reference letter in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Medical certificate (AIDS, fluorography);
- Non-conviction certificate;
- Completed application form.

Deadline:





MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

Who can apply?

Foreign citizen or a person of Kazakh nationality who is not citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Eligibility

Applicant provides:

- diploma of bachelor or specialist with at least 3.3 (out of 4) GPA or its equivalent in educational institutions
- knowledge of language with at least B1 level.

How to enter university?

The stages of competitive selection for entering Kazakhstan University:

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- selection of Kazakhstan university and education program;
- testing to identify the adaptive potential;
- online interview;
- consideration a package of documents and testing results.

Required documents:

- Application with the indication of educational program;
- Copy of ID;
- Copy of document on previous level of education (with transcript if available);
- Motivational essay in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Reference letter in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Medical certificate (AIDS, fluorography);
- Non-conviction certificate;
- Completed application form.

Deadline:





1 Academic year / 1 Academic period (Bachelor's and Master's degrees)

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Required documents:

- Application-substantiation;
- Copy of ID;
- Certificate of the current academic progress, signed by the principals of the university;
- Motivation essay in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Reference letters in Kazakh or Russian or English languages;
- Certificate confirming the knowledge of language of study;
- Medical certificate (AIDS, fluorography);
- Non-conviction certificate;
- Individual education plan.

Deadline:





VISA AND MIGRATION PROCEDURES

General requirements

Immigration regulations may be liable to change on short notice; prospective visitors are advised to check on the current situation before departure (<http://mfa.kz/en>).

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES MIGHT RESULT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND DEPORTATION TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. REPEATED VIOLATION MAY CAUSE SERIOUS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.

Passport

All visitors to Kazakhstan are required to have passports which validity should not expire earlier than 3 months from the visa expiration date and must contain at least 2 blank pages intended for visa and stamps.

Visa-free entry

International students who are citizens of the countries indicated below can enter the Republic of Kazakhstan on the visa-free basis:

- Russian Federation
- The Kyrgyz Republic
- The Republic of Armenia
- The Republic of Tajikistan
- The Republic of Uzbekistan
- The Republic of Belarus

C9 Student Visa

International students with a country of citizenship that is not listed in "Visa-Free Entry" section need a student visa (C9) to come to Kazakhstan. This type of visa is given for the period of one year and allows you to make multiple entries to Kazakhstan. Visa shall be renewed each year.

Upon receipt of the invitation letter, the applicant submits all the documentation to the Kazakhstan's Embassy/Consulate abroad where



he/she plans to obtain a visa. It is the personal responsibility of the applicant to double-check the list of the required documents (application form, photocopy, fee receipt etc.) on the web-site of the Embassy/Consulate. Also, you will need to pay a visa fee.

The following documents are usually required:

1. Visa invitation letter;
2. Passport valid for at least 6 months longer than the validity of the requested visa and have at least 2 blank pages to stamp the visa;
3. Completed visa application form (available on the web-site of the Embassy/Consulate);
4. Photo 3,5x4,5;
5. Visa fee (please note that the consular desk at the airports accept cash ONLY (USD/KZT)).

Visa can be issued:

- ✓ In the country of your citizenship (by the foreign establishments of the Republic of Kazakhstan: consular, diplomatic, and equivalent representation offices).
Visa issuance processing time: 5 business days
- ✓ At the international airports of the Republic of Kazakhstan upon arrival (if there are no consular, diplomatic, or equivalent representation offices in the country of the visa recipient's citizenship).

MFA KZ contacts

The office (on documentation issues)

+7 (7172) 72 05 17, 72 01 14, 72 05 13

Fax: +7 (7172) 72 05 16

On Consular issues

+7 (7172) 72-01-13, 72-04-71, 72-04-88, 72-03-07.

Kazakhstan MFA Representation in Almaty

Phone: 7 (727) 272-07-40

Fax: 7 (727) 272-04-01



Additional information

Emergency phone numbers

112 – Служба спасения



102 – Police



103 – Ambulance



101 – Fire service

Public transport

Public transport in Astana is developed very well. You can get you almost to any place of the city. Buses go from 6 a.m. in the morning to 22-23 p.m. Single buses serve till midnight. The interval between city buses of weekdays is 5-20 minutes. It is possible to construct a route by means of the schemes placed at each bus station.

There is Astra bus mobile application for searching a suitable route.

It is possible to pay in buses by cash – 180 tenges. Also there is a non-cash payment method. For this purpose you need buy Astra Plat card, according to this card fare will be – 90 tenges.



English-Kazakh Dictionary

- Hello** – Сәлем (Salem)
- Good morning** – Қайырлы таң (Qayyrly tan)
- Good evening** – Қайырлы кеш (Qayyrly kesh)
- Good bye** – Сау болыңыз (Sau bolynyz)
- Thank you** – Рахмет (Rahmet)
- Please** – Өтінемін (O'tinemin)
- How are you?** – Қалайсыз? (Qalaysyz?)
- My name is ...** – Менің атым ... (Mening atym)
- Yes** – Иә (IYa')
- No** – Жоқ (Joq)
- Excuse me** – Кешіріңіз (Keshiriniz)
- I don't understand** – Мен түсінбеймін (Men ty'sinbeymin)
- Can you help me?** – Сен маған көмектесе аласың ба?
(Sen maghan ko'mektese alasyñ ba?)
- I don't speak Kazakh** – Мен қазақша сөйлемеймін (Men qazaqsha so'yulemeymin)
- Bus** – Автобус (Avtobus)
- Shop** – Дүкен (Du'ken)
- Police** – Полиция (Policiya)
- Currency exchange** – Валюта айырбастау (Valyuta ayymbastau)
- Hospital** – Аурухана (Auruhana)
- Pharmacy** – Дәріхана (Da'rihana)
- What are you doing?** - Сіз не істеп жатырсыз? (Siz ne istep jatırsız?)

