

Visa Information for International Students

International students come from two categories of countries:

1. Countries requiring a visa to enter Kazakhstan.
2. Countries with visa-free entry to Kazakhstan (Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Russia).

Who Can Apply for a Student Visa:

- Degree, non-degree, and exchange students admitted to KIMEP University.

I. Visa-Regime Countries

Steps for International Students:

1. Obtain an official admission order.
2. Submit required information through one of the following methods:
 - KIMEP Visa Online Form: <https://www2.kimep.kz/anon/hr/visaform>
 - Email or WhatsApp: Send the following information to visa@kimep.kz or WhatsApp +7 7013600216, +7 7012233358:
 - A quality passport photo or scan (PDF format).
 - Residence address in your home country.
 - Email and mobile phone number.
 - Kazakhstan embassy/consulate in the city of your home country/ country of stay, where the visa should be issued.
 - Date of arrival.
3. Receive a scan of the Letter with the Visa Invitation Number via email.
4. Check procedures, prepare required documents, and apply for a Student Visa at the Kazakhstan embassy/consulate. Basic required documents include:
 - Copy of the Letter with the Visa Invitation Number from KIMEP University.
 - 1 passport-sized photo.
 - Original passport.
 - Visa fee.
 - Completed visa application.
 - Be prepared to provide fingerprints at the embassy/consulate.
5. Once the visa is granted, email visa@kimep.kz to inform about the date of entry into Kazakhstan.

II. Visa-Free Regime Countries

Students from Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Russia do not need a student visa. Upon arrival, they must visit the KIMEP Visa Manager (Office 111, Dostyk Building) within 2 calendar days to provide a notification letter.

Passport Registration Upon Arrival

For Students with Visas:

- After arriving in Almaty, get a stamp in your passport. Notify the Visa Manager within 2 calendar days via WhatsApp at +7 7013600216 or email at visa@kimep.kz. Include your full name, date of entry, accommodation address, and a photo of your passport stamp. The Visa Manager will inform the migration body to complete your registration. Repeat this procedure every time you arrive in Kazakhstan.
- Visit the Visa Manager before October 1 to get an invoice for the Visa Invitation Number. Pay at the Cashier Office (118, Dostyk Building) and return the receipt to the Visa Manager. The cost is 1,996 KZT (1,846 KZT + 150 KZT bank commission).

Visa Extension:

- Students on academic leave or graduated students cannot extend their visas but may get a 30-day exit visa in special cases.
- Apply for a visa extension at least 30 days before expiration. Fees:
 - Multi-entry visa extension: 110,760 KZT + bank commission.
 - Single-entry visa extension: 25,844 KZT + bank commission.
 - Exit visa: 1,846 KZT + bank commission (if leaving earlier than the visa allows).
- Payment locations: Halyk Bank (20 Kurmangazy St., Pushkin St.); BEREKE Bank (105 Zholdasbekova St., Mendikulova St.).
- Required documents: Passport, passport-sized photo, bank receipt, fingerprint certificate, medical insurance.

For Students Without Visas:

- Registration is for one academic year.
- After arriving in Almaty, notify the Visa Manager within 2 calendar days via WhatsApp or email. Include full name, date of entry, accommodation address, and a photo of your passport stamp.
- Visit the Visa Manager and submit:
 - Original passport (for registration).
 - Accommodation address (dormitory certificate or landlord agreement).
 - Fingerprint certificate (from Public Services Center (ҚОҢ) or Immigration Office).
 - Medical insurance.
- Notify the Visa Office every time you cross the Kazakhstan border.

Change of Residence Address:

- Inform the KIMEP Visa Manager of any change in residence address within 2 calendar days.

Traveling Outside Kazakhstan:

- Ensure you have a multiple-entry visa for re-entry. It's your responsibility to secure a visa for the destination country. Notify the Visa Manager and International Office's Coordinator 10 days before departure.

Passport Loss:

- Familiarize yourself with your home country's embassy contact details in Kazakhstan before arrival. Register with your home country's consulate upon arrival. In case of passport loss, immediately inform the KIMEP Visa Manager and your consulate/embassy. Always carry a copy of your passport and other important documents.

Note: Violation of the visa regime in Kazakhstan results in fines for both the student and the inviting organization, with potential blacklisting for one year.

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