

New Work Permit Rules

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THE GOVERNMENT APPROVED THE RULES ON ESTABLISHING QUOTAS FOR EXPATRIATES

The Government approved a resolution on new Rules of Establishing Quotas for Attraction of a Foreign Labour Force on 15 December. The resolution (published on 24 December) will come into force from 1 January 2017.

The resolution states that work permits will not be required by the following categories of expatriates (this list is not exhaustive):

- Expatriate heads of branches and representative offices of foreign legal entities;
- Expatriates coming to Kazakhstan on a business trip not exceeding 120 calendar days within a calendar year;
- Expatriates who are chief executives in organisations:
- that concluded contracts with the Government for investments exceeding USD 50 mln. or
- conducting investment activity in priority projects and that concluded a contract with the investment authority.

Employers will need to provide to the local state authorities information on their need for foreign employees (according to the established form) annually by 1 August (for the next year). Previously employers had to provide such information by 1 September.

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