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## ***Changes to the issuance / extension of work permits for foreign nationals in Kazakhstan***

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### ***In brief***

Effective April 2018, changes came into force on the terms of issuance / extension of work permits for foreign nationals. Certain fees were changed.

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### ***In detail***

The Order<sup>1</sup> of the Minister of Labour introducing changes to the Order (No. 559 of 27 June 2016) on “Rules and conditions for issuance / extension of work permits for foreign nationals, and execution of intra-corporate transfer” has been amended in regards to the period of validity of work permits.

CEOs and their deputies (category 1) can apply for a work permit for one, two or three years with the possibility of a similar extension.

A Government Resolution<sup>2</sup> (No. 157 dated 3 April 2018) establishes state fees for the issuance / extension of work permits. The fee for CEOs and their deputies depends on the employer’s economic activity and duration of the work permit:

- 2 years: 274 MCI (approx. USD 2,000) to 342 MCI (approx. USD 2,500);
- 3 years: 411 MCI (approx. USD 3,000) to 513 MCI (approx. USD 3,700).

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### ***The takeaway***

The changes allow CEOs and their deputies to obtain and extend work permits for up to three years.

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<sup>1</sup> Order of the Minister of Labour and Population social protection No. 75 dated 28 February 2018.

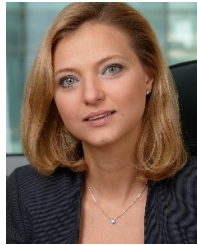
<sup>2</sup> Resolution of the Government No. 157 dated 3 April 2018 on the establishment of fee rates for the obtaining and (or) extension of work permits to attract foreign labour to Kazakhstan.

***Let's talk***

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