
Changes to the rules of entry and stay for foreigners, to the rules on migration control and registration of foreigners in Kazakhstan

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In brief

Changes have been introduced since 1 July 2018.

In detail

The following amendments to the rules for entry, stay and departure of immigrants were introduced by the Regulation No. 814 dated 6 December 2017:

- period of stay ends on expiration of **the visa** or registration period indicated in the migration card / in **certificate of temporary registration** / in **supplementary sheet** to the passport on registration of the foreigner;
- **extension** of the registration period is made with an appropriate mark in the migration card / the **certificate of temporary registration** of the immigrant / **supplementary sheet** on registration of the foreigner;
- **foreign individuals**, being crew of air, sea and river vessels **are exempt** from registration of passports;
- 72-hour visa-free regime for entry, stay and departure from Kazakhstan for **Chinese citizens**, with transit flights through the international airports of Astana and Almaty cities are effective up to and including 31 December 2018.

Decree amended the rules for execution of migration control and registration of foreigners in Kazakhstan:

- registration is confirmed by Kazakhstan visa / **a certificate of temporary registration** of a foreigner / **a supplementary sheet** to the passport on registration of a foreigner or a mark in the migration card;
- foreigners entering Kazakhstan with a valid visa will be registered at the address specified in the Letter of Invitation, when crossing the border.

[Source: Regulation of Kazakhstan Government No. 814 dated 6 December 2017 "On introduction of amendments and additions to the Regulation of Kazakhstan Government No. 148 dated 21 January 2012 "On approval of the Rules for the entry and stay of immigrants in Kazakhstan, as well as their departure from Kazakhstan and the Rules for the implementation of migration control, as well as the registration of foreign nationals and stateless persons illegally crossing the State border of Kazakhstan, illegally staying in Kazakhstan, as well as persons who are prohibited from entering Kazakhstan."]

The takeaway

- *Foreign nationals with a Kazakh visa are allowed to stay until expiry of their visas. They are registered when crossing the Border.*

Let's talk

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