



## Simplification of Kazakh Immigration Legislation

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### In detail:

The following changes in Immigration Legislation were introduced in January 2020:

- Starting from January 1, 2020 - a **72-hour visa-free regime** for citizens of India and China transiting via Shymkent, Aktau, Karaganda and Taraz airports. Previously, it was available at **Nursultan and Almaty airports only**.

Liability for violation rests with the foreign national or the airline.

- Starting from January 10, 2020 - **Registration of passports** with Migration Authorities **has been cancelled** for foreign nationals arriving in KZ on a visa free regime. Duration of stay is 30 calendar days. This can be extended up to one year by obtaining a **temporary residence permit**.
- Submission of notification on arrival** is now available through: (i) the Visa Migration Portal; (ii) the eGov website; (iii) submission of written notification to the relevant Migration Authority.

### Liability :

- Non-departure** of a foreign national within permitted timeframe results in a **fine of 10 – 25 MCI (approx \$68 - \$170)**;
- If no arrival notification submission occurs**, there is a warning for individuals and a fine from **10 to 20 MCI (approx \$68 - \$138)** for legal entities.

Note that in the event of repeated violation(s) within one year, the Company will be black-listed with no opportunity to invite foreign personnel for one year.

