



Country Profile: Kazakhstan

Introduction

Ferguson Snell & Associates is pleased to provide you with a general overview on the key corporate immigration categories for Kazakhstan.

Please note that immigration regulations and requirements are subject to frequent changes without advance notice. The information provided in this document is correct as of the date of issue noted below. The guideline provided is for general information and does not constitute legal advice.

General Work Permit and Intra Company Transfer (ICT) Work Permit

A foreign assignee coming for work purposes (or coming for business purposes but staying in Kazakhstan for more than 120 days in any calendar year) will be required to obtain a work permit and a work visa. The process for obtaining a work permit depends on the assignee's nationality, company type, payroll and other factors.

Documentation requirements and processing times set by the Kazakh authorities change frequently and without notice. Please contact our International Immigration Desk for further information.

Business Visitors

Business visitors may undertake the following permitted activities:

- Attend business meetings, including fact gathering
- Participate in conferences, seminars, forums, exhibitions and other events
- Assemble, install, repair and conduct maintenance of equipment

A foreign assignee holding a business visitor visa should not receive compensation from the inviting entity in Kazakhstan.

Processing Times

Processing times may vary from one consulate to another but it usually takes five business days to issue business visitor visas and 11 to 13 weeks for General and ICT work permits.

Penalties for Non-compliance

Non-compliance with Kazakh immigration rules may attract penalties such as fines, deportation or even imprisonment.

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