

IMMIGRATION AND GLOBAL MOBILITY UPDATE: KAZAKHSTAN GRADUALLY EASES QUARANTINE BUT RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

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The COVID19 crisis continues to affect the rules regarding travel, quarantine, visas and borders across the world. Check our Immigration and Global Mobility [Update](#) to find out what are the latest legal developments on 19 jurisdictions over the past two months.

Please see below the changes relating to the competition legislation.

In [June-September](#) 2020, Kazakhstan resumed flight connection with a group of countries (international regular and non-regular (evacuation and charter flights)).

Individuals arriving in Kazakhstan from abroad must take a COVID-19 test within 48 hours from the date of arrival (unless they have a negative COVID-19 test result (PCR method) dating from within five days before crossing the Kazakhstan border) or stay in home isolation for 14 days. There is an exception for those individuals arriving by air from China, South Korea, Japan, Georgia, Thailand, Hungary, India, Germany, Czech Republic, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, Belorussia, Turkey, Egypt, Ukraine, Netherlands and Russia. Travellers from these places must only to [fill in the questionnaire and pass temperature monitoring](#).

Until 1 November 2020, the unilateral visa-free regime for citizens of 57 countries has been [suspended](#) (except for the EAEU countries and other countries with visa-free entry under international agreements).

[Expired visas, temporary and permanent residence permits, and work permits will be valid until 1 November 2020](#). Foreign nationals will be able to leave Kazakhstan according to these documents. Penalties will not be applied until this date. However, in order to stay in the country after this date, foreign nationals and their employers should extend their expired permits on the usual grounds before it.

The [rules for obtaining work permits, temporary and permanent residence permits](#), as well as [providing information on foreign nationals staying in Kazakhstan](#) have also changed.

We hope you find this information useful and we aim to continue to update you regularly.

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