

Ministry of External Affairs

ADVISORY FOR INDIAN STUDENTS PROCEEDING TO [THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN]

Issued by: Embassy of India in [the Republic of Kazakhstan]

The Embassy of India in the Republic of Kazakhstan welcomes Indian students pursuing higher education or vocational studies. Indian students are advised to carefully read the following guidelines to ensure a safe, lawful, and enriching academic experience.

1. BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM INDIA

1.1 Due Diligence Regarding Educational Institutions/ Universities

- Verify the credentials, accreditation, and reputation of your university/institution.
- Confirm that the institution and course are officially recognized/registered with competent authorities in [Kazakhstan].
- Review institution's website for:
 - Course structure and duration
 - Tuition fees and refund policies
 - Accommodation facilities
 - Minimum language proficiency and entry requirements
 - Student support services

1.2 Education Consultants/Agents

- Apply directly to the institution wherever possible.
- If using an agent:
 - Ensure they are officially authorized.
 - Do not sign any agreement without reading it thoroughly to avoid any future dispute.
 - Obtain copies of all signed documents.
 - Avoid agents promising guaranteed visas, work, or permanent residency.

1.3 Written Agreement / Offer Letter Educational Institutions/ Universities

- Ensure a written agreement/offer letter is received from Educational Institutions/ Universities before making payments.
- Verify enrolment conditions, fee payment obligations, and refund policies.
- Retain all documents for future reference.

1.4 Financial Preparedness

- Plan for tuition fees, living expenses, health insurance, and other costs.
- Ensure sufficient funds for the entire duration of study.
- Do not rely on part-time work to meet your expenses.

1.5 Visa and Immigration Rules

- Understand student visa conditions and attendance requirements.

- Check official immigration websites for updates on visa and residency rules.

1.6 Health Insurance

- Ensure valid and adequate health insurance for the entire period of study, as required by local regulations even when they travel to Countries that do not mandatorily require them. This would ensure that they would be covered for their medical emergencies if any during their stay in foreign lands.

1.7 Important Documents

- Carry: Passport, visa, admission letter, proof of fee payment, accommodation confirmation, and financial documents.
 - Keep photocopies and scanned copies stored securely.
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2. UPON ARRIVAL IN [Kazakhstan]

2.1 Registration with Indian Mission

- Register with the Embassy of India.
- Update contact details regularly.

2.2 Inform Family

- Confirm your safe arrival and share your local contact information including address of place of stay with family members .

2.3 Familiarisation with University Services

- Contact the International Students Office for:
 - Academic support
 - Counselling services
 - Accommodation assistance
 - Career guidance
 - Grievance redressal mechanisms
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3. FINANCIAL AND MONEY TRANSFER

- Use authorized banking channels to pay tuition fees.
 - Confirm if direct payments to the university are possible.
 - Avoid routing payments through third-party agents.
 - Verify exchange regulations applicable in [Kazakhstan].
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4. WORKING WHILE STUDYING

- As of early 2026, foreign students on student visas in the Republic of Kazakhstan are prohibited from working, even part-time. Working illegally can lead to fines and, in extreme cases, deportation.
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5. SAFETY AND SECURITY

5.1 Personal Safety

- Avoid poorly lit or isolated areas, especially at late night.
- Travel in groups when possible.
- Keep valuables and cash secure.
- Take prior permission or Outstation Pass from University authorities before leaving the city.

5.2 Emergency Contacts

- Local Emergency Number: [112]
- Police: [102]
- Medical/Ambulance: [103]
- Keep the contact number of concerned officer of the University

5.3 Mission Emergency Contact

[Embassy is your second home in foreign land. Feel free to reach out/contact in case of Emergency].

- 24x7 Emergency Helpline: [+7 701 2207606 -Astana] & [+7 7057548329 -Almaty]
- Email: [cons.astana@mea.gov.in] & [admn1.almaty@mea.gov.in]
- Website: [indembastana.gov.in]

Contact local authorities first in emergencies, followed by the Indian Mission.

6. AWARENESS OF LOCAL LAWS

- Abide by all laws and regulations of [Kazakhstan].
 - Avoid participation in:
 - Illegal betting or gambling
 - Narcotics/substance abuse
 - Financial fraud or money mule schemes
 - Unlawful protests or demonstrations
 - Violations may result in arrest, deportation, visa cancellation, or imprisonment.
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7. PROTECTION AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMS

- Beware of cyber fraud, online/crypto currency scams, fraudulent job offers, and calls/messages impersonating officials. Necessary precaution advised while posting stuff on various social media platforms
 - Do not share personal or bank/credit card information with unknown parties.
 - The Mission does not request money via phone calls.
 - Report suspicious activity to local authorities, University and the Indian Mission.
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8. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Feelings of loneliness or anxiety are natural.
 - Seek help from :
 - Friends and family
 - University counselling services
 - Indian community organizations
 - Embassy officials
 - Consult professional medical services if needed.
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9. ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- Confirm housing arrangements before arrival.
 - Understand tenancy agreements before signing.
 - Maintain accommodation responsibly including hygiene and sanitary conditions
 - Observe community and safety rules.
 - Advised to stay in the university provided/recommended hostels.
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10. CULTURAL SENSITIVITY AND CONDUCT

- Represent India positively.
 - Respect local customs, traditions, and diversity.
 - Maintain personal decorum and law-abiding behaviour.
 - Follow traffic, safety, and public conduct rules.
 - Be punctual and polite.
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11. ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND ADMISSIONS

- Admission Season: [April to August]
 - Academic Year Structure: [September to late June/early July]
 - Holiday Periods: [**winter break (approx 2–3 weeks in January)** and a **summer break (July and August)**]
 - Scholarship Information: [Contact University]
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12. POST-STUDY WORK AND IMMIGRATION

- Understand post-study work rights under current immigration rules.
 - Obtain work visa/permit before employment.
 - Do not overstay visa validity. It will attract penalties by immigration authorities.
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13. ATTESTATION AND LEGALIZATION OF DOCUMENTS

(If applicable)

- Follow local procedures for attestation/Apostille/legalization of educational documents.
 - Refer to: [Insert authority details]
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14. ENGAGEMENT WITH INDIAN COMMUNITY

- Participate in events organized by the Mission/SVCC.
 - Connect with Indian student associations and community organizations.
 - Stay updated through Mission website and social media channels.
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DISCLAIMER

This advisory provides general guidance. Students are responsible for complying with the laws and regulations of [the republic of Kazakhstan]. Immigration, visa, and employment regulations are subject to change. Students must verify updated information from official government sources.