

Visa Information for Participants of the 2014 IWF World Championships Almaty

Weightlifting Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on behalf of the Organizing Committee, would like to inform you that Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan will be providing its assistance to Weightlifting Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and all members of participating countries as well as their officials in obtaining **category D1 business visa free of charge**. Please note that it is **one entry visa with validity period of 30 days**.

Section 1 – Visa free regime countries

The Republic of Kazakhstan has visa free regime for period of 30 to 90 days with 13 countries, the list of which you can find here (*annex 1*).

Section 2 – Countries with simplified visa obtainment procedure

Citizens of 48 countries will enjoy a simplified procedure for obtaining visa free of charge without the need for visa support number (*annex 2*).

Please note that citizens of 10 countries listed in annex 2 can enjoy visa free period of stay within the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, if the period of stay **does not exceed** 15 days. If the period of stay exceeds visa free regime of 15 days, the citizens of those 10 countries are required to follow visa application procedure as specified below under **Section 2**.

Residents of Hong Kong can enjoy visa free regime for the period of 14 days, but in order to stay in the Republic of Kazakhstan for a longer period Hong Kong residents are required to follow visa application procedure specified in **Section 5**.

Participants, that require obtainment of visas, should contact the consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan abroad on a permanent address or consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the neighboring country and submit the following documents:

- Valid passport (or international travel document). The passport should expire not earlier than 3 months upon expiry of the respective visa;
- Completed visa application form. All participants should apply for business visa of category D1 with validity period of 30 days;
- One colored photo 3.5 x 4.5 cm;
- Copy of passport;
- A copy of invitation letter for participation in the 2014 IWF World Championships, for visa fee exemption;
- Employment verification letter (*please see annex 3*).

For obtaining **invitation letter** please send passport copies and a list with indication of job titles of the passport holders, if you have not already done so, to the following email address: almaty2014@wfrk.kz

Every participating country holds responsibility to provide passport copies of all of its members and officials at least 16 business days before their intended date of arrival to the Republic of Kazakhstan. If the condition is not met, Weightlifting Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan does not guarantee obtainment of visas in due time.

VERY IMPORTANT: We kindly ask you to inform us beforehand on any itinerary changes by (especially arrival date to the earlier one, destination/port of entry) emailing to almaty2014@wfrk.kz

Section 3 – Countries with no diplomatic mission/consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan

For residents of the countries that **do not** have the Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate, we advise to apply for visa in the nearest diplomatic mission/consulate (see <http://mfa.gov.kz/index.php/en/map>) as obtaining the visa upon

arrival at the airport of Astana or Almaty may take a long time due to technical constraints of the consular sections.

VERY IMPORTANT:*In those countries that have Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate, foreign citizens CANNOT receive the visa upon arrival. You are strictly required to obtain visa before arriving to the Republic of Kazakhstan.*

The residents of the countries where there are no Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate have the option of contacting the nearest diplomatic mission/consulate of Republic of Kazakhstan and are required to submit following documents:

- Valid passport (or international travel document). The passport should expire not earlier than 3 months upon expiry of the respective visa;
- Completed visa application form. All participants should apply for visa of category D1 with validity period of 30 days;
- One colored photo 3.5 x 4.5 cm;
- Copy of passport;
- Copy of visa support letter from the Weightlifting Federation of the Republic of Kazakhstan – indicating the **number of a visa support** letter issued by the Department of Consular Service of the Kazakhstan Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Employment verification letter (*please see annex 3*).

For obtaining **visa support number** please send passport copies and a list with indication of job titles of the passport holders, if you have not already done so, to the following email address: almaty2014@wfrk.kz

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Please note that obtainment of visa support number takes from 5 to 7 business days.

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Section 4 – Visa obtainment procedure upon arrival to the Republic of Kazakhstan

In exceptional cases (only for the residents of the countries with **no** Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate or for individuals that for particular reasons could not contact the nearest Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate), visa can be issued upon arrival at the airport of Almaty or Astana.

VERY IMPORTANT:*Please note that in this case the information on the **city of first entry of border** to the Republic of Kazakhstan must be provided upon submission of the request for visa support. You must clearly indicate your **city of first entry of border** to the Republic of Kazakhstan.*

Remember:*There are only two cities (Almaty or Astana) where the visa can be obtained upon arrival to the Republic of Kazakhstan.*

Upon arrival to Kazakhstan make sure you have the following documents with you:

- Valid passport (or international travel document). The passport should expire not earlier than 3 months upon expiry of the respective visa;
- Completed visa application form. All participants should apply for visa of category D1 with validity period of 30 days;
- One colored photo 3.5 x 4.5 cm;
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Section 5 – Standard visa obtainment procedure for all other countries

Residents of all other countries, not listed in annex 1 or 2, but countries of citizenship of which have diplomatic mission/consulate of the Republic of Kazakhstan, should contact Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulate and submit the following documents:

- Valid passport (or international travel document). Passport should expire not earlier than 3 months upon expiry of the respective visa;
- Completed visa application form. All participants should apply for visa of category D1 with validity period of 30 days;
- One colored photo 3.5 x 4.5 cm;
- Copy of passport;
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REGISTRATION UPON ARRIVAL TO THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN:

- Foreigner receives migration cards, which is returned while exiting Kazakhstan. Fill in the small white migration card on entering Kazakhstan. You should check the number of stamps on your migration card.

- Residents of the 48 countries, which are exempt from producing visa support obtaining two stamps (registration and entry). Those who have two stamps in the migration card don't need to obtain the registration in the migration police. Please keep migration card with you and submit it at departure.

- Residents from other countries will obtain only one stamp (entry). The participants with one stamp in the migration card and staying in Kazakhstan for more than 5 days should contact the organizers who will advise on the arrangements for obtaining the registration (second stamp in the migration card). The arrangements for this registration will be communicated to participants later.

- You must keep your migration card to receive your exit stamp on departure.

All general information on visa matters is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan at <http://mfa.gov.kz/>

List of the Kazakhstan diplomatic mission/consulates is available at <http://mfa.gov.kz/index.php/en/map>

Please contact Almas Ayaganov for all matters related to visa by phone +7 702 823 3275;

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No.	Country	Permitted period of stay without obtainment of visa
1	Armenia	90 days
2	Azerbaijan	30 days
3	Belarus	90 days
4	Georgia	90 days
5	Kyrgyzstan	90 days
6	Moldova	90 days
7	Mongolia	90 days
8	Russian Federation	90 days
9	Serbia	30 days
10	Tajikistan	30 days
11	Turkey	30 days
12	Ukraine	90 days
13	Uzbekistan	30 days

No.	Country	Permitted period of stay without obtainment of visa	Permitted period of stay after obtainment of visa
1	France	15 days	30 days
2	Germany	15 days	30 days
3	Italy	15 days	30 days
4	Japan	15 days	30 days
5	Malaysia	15 days	30 days
6	Netherlands	15 days	30 days
7	South Korea	15 days	30 days
8	United Arab Emirates	15 days	30 days
9	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	15 days	30 days
10	United States of America	15 days	30 days
11	Australia	Not applicable	30 days
12	Austria	Not applicable	30 days
13	Belgium	Not applicable	30 days
14	Bulgaria	Not applicable	30 days
15	Brazil	Not applicable	30 days
16	Canada	Not applicable	30 days
17	Croatia	Not applicable	30 days
18	Cyprus	Not applicable	30 days
19	Czech Republic	Not applicable	30 days
20	Denmark	Not applicable	30 days
21	Estonia	Not applicable	30 days
22	Finland	Not applicable	30 days
23	Greece	Not applicable	30 days
24	Hungary	Not applicable	30 days
25	Ireland	Not applicable	30 days
26	Iceland	Not applicable	30 days
27	Israel	Not applicable	30 days
28	Jordan	Not applicable	30 days
29	Latvia	Not applicable	30 days
30	Lithuania	Not applicable	30 days
31	Liechtenstein	Not applicable	30 days
32	Luxembourg	Not applicable	30 days

33	Malta	Not applicable	30 days
34	Monaco	Not applicable	30 days
35	New Zealand	Not applicable	30 days
36	Norway	Not applicable	30 days
37	Poland	Not applicable	30 days
38	Portugal	Not applicable	30 days
39	Qatar	Not applicable	30 days
40	Romania	Not applicable	30 days
41	Saudi Arabia	Not applicable	30 days
42	Singapore	Not applicable	30 days
43	Slovakia	Not applicable	30 days
44	Slovenia	Not applicable	30 days
45	Spain	Not applicable	30 days
46	Sultanate of Oman	Not applicable	30 days
47	Switzerland	Not applicable	30 days
48	Sweden	Not applicable	30 days

[Company Letterhead]

Date: [Date of issuing employment verification letter]

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is to certify that Mr. [First Name] [Last Name] is an employee/an official member of [Organization Name] and holds the position of a [Designation] since [Date].

If you have any questions regarding Mr. [First Name]'s employment, please contact our office at [Office Phone Number].

Sincerely,

[Signature of person issuing this letter]
[Manager] or [Designation]