Guidance on migration issues for foreigners during the coronavirus infection (COVID-19) outbreak

Movement restrictions within the country

On 2 April 2020, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan adopted a Decree "On additional measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan". The Secretariat has introduced new rules and restrictions for movement of individuals within the country of 25 March 2020 until 20 April 2020. These restrictions apply also to foreigners and business persons living and residing in the country’s Forerunners’

Visits

Any foreigners who are active on their workplace may, if so desire, inform them on this matter by their employers only. It is also recommended that employers in contact areas are allowed to obtain permits for their employees to visit workplaces. Such areas include, inter alios: - reception areas of banking and postal services; - telecommunications and communication services; - production of food and articles for food; - production of fuels and other energy-related services, as well as medicine's banking and postal services; - airports and companies using all types of transportation, for parcel, cash, documents, fresh and frozen food products; - production of oil and gas products; - production of chemical products and others.

Prior to being allowed to stay for personal reasons, a foreigner shall send an e-mail to SDS at e-mail SDS@asand.gov.az in order to obtain a permit. The e-mail must contain:

1. State name of the applicant;
2. Date and place of residence;
3. The purpose of leaving the place of stay;
4. Telephone number; and
5. e-mail address for further correspondence.

Personal visits

The information provided by the Public Relations Department of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan indicates that current restrictions apply to both foreign citizens and Azerbaijani citizens who have the right to enter the Republic of Azerbaijan. Currently, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan continues to communicate with relevant embassies and consulates of the Republic of Azerbaijan for obtaining relevant information on the situation with the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Application for visa and border crossing state

Applicants are required to apply to the diplomatic missions of the Republic of Azerbaijan for obtaining relevant visa. Citizens of countries in which the COVID-19 virus has been widespread are informed according to the list provided by the World Health Organization will be required to produce a medical certificate on passing the COVID-19 test when applying for a visa. This requirement will be applicable to all foreign nationals who have visited these countries within the last 14 days.

Issuance/Extension of temporary residence/permit

According to the information published by the Public Relations Department of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 31 March 2020, the need to apply for an extension of the temporary stay of foreigners currently remaining in the country and unable to leave the country has been eliminated. Applications of foreigners whose stay in the country expires within the period from 24 March 2020 to 30 April 2020 are considered accepted by the State Migration Service. 

Applications of foreigners visiting those countries within the last 14 days.

Foreign citizens intending to visit the Republic of Azerbaijan are requested to apply to the relevant diplomatic missions of the Republic of Azerbaijan for obtaining the necessary documents. According to the joint decree of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated 12 March 2020, issuance of visas upon arrival to the international airports of the Republic of Azerbaijan and electronic visas via “ASAN Visa” portal has been suspended for a period of 45 days. According to the decision of the Operational Headquarters under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan, no applications for visas are considered and flights for foreign nationals who have visited those countries within the last 14 days.

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