

STUDENT VISA & REGISTRATION IN KYRGYZSTAN





Students' Visa & Registration Rules in Kyrgyzstan (KSMA)

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Who Needs a Student Visa?

International students must obtain Student Visa type “S”- study visa !



Online Visa System in Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan currently accepts visa applications online through the official e-VISA portal.

Documents are submitted online, visa is issued electronically.

KSMA Visa Office supports students during the process.

Support from KSMA Visa Office

- Students may apply through the KSMA Visa Office.
- Students may also apply through official agents / recruitment agencies.
- KSMA Visa Office helps students prepare and submit applications correctly.



Documents for Primary Student Visa (Visa “S”)

1. Valid passport
2. Electronic photo (white background, 3×4 cm)
3. Official visa invitation letter from KSMMA (issued by the Visa Office).



Validity of the Student Visa

- Visa “S” is issued for an active KSMA student for a period of 1 year.
- Students must apply for visa extension 1 month before expiration.



Visa Extension Deadline

- Apply at least 30 days before visa expiration.
- Late submission may result in fines or migration issues.

Documents for Visa Extension

1. Valid passport
2. Electronic copy of education contract (KSMA + student)
3. 2 photos (white clothes, white background, 3×4 cm)
4. Tuition payment confirmation
5. Dormitory residence certificate (if applicable)
6. Certificate from KSMA student office confirming study status.



If You Live in a Rented Apartment

1. Provide notarized consent from the landlord for temporary registration.
2. Without notarized consent, visa extension and registration may be rejected.



Registration After Entry

- All foreign students must register with the State Registration Service within the legal deadline.
 - Registration deadlines depend on nationality: 5 to 90 days.
- Missing the deadline may lead to fines, deportation, or entry restrictions.



Registration for Visa Countries

- ✓ Registration is valid for the same period as the student visa.
- ✓ Registration can be extended after visa extension.
- ✓ Student must contact KSMA Visa Office within 3 working days after visa extension.



Registration for Visa-Free Countries

- ❖ Even if your country is visa-free, registration is still required.
- ❖ Follow KSMA guidance and migration deadlines.



KSMA Registration Procedure

- Dormitory residence certificate (issued by dormitory manager)
 - Power of attorney (if submitted by representative)
 - Valid passport and visa
 - State fee payment receipt.



Electronic Registration System

- All documents are scanned and entered into the Unified Electronic Migration Registration System (ECYBM).
- Original documents are returned to the student.



Single Entry vs Multiple Entry Visa

Single-entry visa: enter Kyrgyzstan once;
leaving requires a new visa application.

Multiple-entry visa: exit and re-enter
unlimited times during visa validity.



Work Permission (Important!)

Student Visa “S” does NOT allow
employment.

Illegal work may lead to fines and migration
sanctions.



If You Want to Work in Kyrgyzstan

To work legally, you must obtain Work Visa type “W1” and a special work permit.

After graduation, students must change visa status to work legally.



Changing Student Visa to Work Visa

Students cannot change visa type while staying inside Kyrgyzstan.

To obtain W1 visa: leave Kyrgyzstan, get work quota, apply, then re-enter.



Changing University in Kyrgyzstan

If transferring to another university, a new student visa must be issued under the new university invitation.

The new university's Visa Office will assist.



Legal Basis for Registration

Government Decree №689 (19 December 2016).

Updated by Government Decree №449 (03 September 2019).

Updated by Cabinet of Ministers Decree №349 (12 July 2023).

Mandatory requirement !!!



- All international students studying at KSMA must carry the original passport, a valid residence registration document, and a visa (If the original passport is not available, notarized copies must be provided).
 - Print your e-visa and keep paper copies.
- Contact KSMA Visa Office in advance for any issues.

For violation of migration rules, students **will be fined** (depending on the type of violation) **up to 17,000 KGS**, and **will be deported** from the Kyrgyz Republic.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Last semester, one of our students was detained during an official migration raid. The student was working during free time outside of classes; however, even this is considered a violation of Kyrgyz migration law under a student visa.

KSMA administration planned to expel the student, but the case was resolved with an official warning.



Thank you for your attention!

We wish you a successful academic year at
KSMA.

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