

## Legal Updates

**CHANGES** 

## Residence permit issuance

THE DECREE OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF **UZBEKISTAN** DATED JANUARY 07, 2023 No. 7

«ON INTRODUCTION OF CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE DECREE OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 20,2020 «ON MEASURES ON SYMPLIFYING REGISTRATION PROCEDURES FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS AND STATELESS PERSONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN»



#### Terms of residence permit issuance reduced

The Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers from 07.01.2023 № 7 in connection with improvement of legislation in the field of granting residence permits to citizens of foreign countries in the Republic of Uzbekistan" was adopted.

The document provides for amendments and additions in connection with simplification of registration procedures for foreigners and stateless persons and allows the consideration of applications through the online system.

In addition, the general term of consideration and issuance of permanent residence permits to foreign citizens and stateless persons:

- on the territory of Karakalpakstan and regions is reduced from 98 to 68 working days, and the stages of review are reduced from 10 to 8;
- In Tashkent city and Tashkent province: from 128 to 68 working days and the duration of the review is reduced from 11 to 8.

The document was published in the National database of legislation and entered into force on 09.01.2023.

## Air carriers subsidies

THE DECREE OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF **UZBEKISTAN** DATED JANUARY 07, 2023 No. 5

**«REGULATIONS ON THE** REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL TO UZBEKISTAN AND SOCIALLY **IMPORTANT AREAS»** 



#### Air carriers have been extended the period of subsidies

In connection with the establishment of additional measures to develop domestic air travel and domestic tourism, regional air travel, the Cabinet of Ministers dated 07.01.2023 № 5 made changes and additions to the Regulations on the reimbursement of travel to Uzbekistan and socially important areas from the national budget of the Republic of Uzbekistan (from 24.02.2021, № 100).

The special commission defines subsidized air and railway routes and socially important routes based on proposals submitted by passenger carriers, tour operators (travel agents) and concerned ministries and departments.

The document changes the procedure for reimbursement to air carriers of part of the cost of the ticket for flights to local destinations.

From March 1, 2021 to June 1, 2022 subsidies were allocated to travel organizers at the rate of 15% of the cost of transport tickets and 10% of the cost of hotel services for tours organized for citizens of Uzbekistan and persons without citizenship permanently residing in the country.

Until January 1, 2026 air carriers will be subsidized at a rate of 25% of the cost of tickets for domestic tourism, including domestic routes of social importance (previously the term of subsidies was until June 1, 2022).

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# Business ombudsman fund

THE DECREE OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

DATED JANUARY 07, 2023 No. 6

«ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-BUDGETARY FUND OF THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF BUSINESS ENTITIES UNDER THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN»



#### The extra-budgetary fund of the business ombudsman has been established

The document establishes an extra-budgetary fund of the Office of the Business Ombudsman and approves the relevant regulations.

The fund will be spent on:

- strengthening the material and technical base of the apparatus of the Business Ombudsman;
- Financial incentives for employees and improvement of their qualifications.
- The sources of funding of the Fund are:
- 100% of the amounts of fines applied by the Business Ombudsman in cases of administrative offenses under his jurisdiction and fines applied by the courts on the basis of protocols of administrative offenses issued by the Business Ombudsman;

For reference: Business Ombudsman has the right to consider cases on 9 types of administrative offenses, including such offenses as violation of the right to private property, conducting illegal inspections of business entities, forcing them to sponsor, etc.

- technical assistance funds, grants from international, foreign governmental and non-governmental organizations;
- sponsorship of individuals and legal entities;
- income from the placement of free funds on deposits in commercial banks.

Management and decision-making on expenditure of the Fund is carried out by the Fund Council, which is chaired by the Business Ombudsman.

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## **Deputy khokims** education

THE RESOLUTION OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN DATED JANUARY 10, 2023 No. 8

**«ON MEASURES TO PREPARE** CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMATIC POSTS AT THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY»



#### Deputy khokims will upgrade their qualifications at the diplomatic academy

Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers adopted on 10.01.2023, № 8 "On measures to prepare candidates for diplomatic posts at the Diplomatic Academy at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, as well as to retrain specialists for certain positions and introduce a system of their professional development.

According to the document, candidates appointed to diplomatic positions must undergo training at the Diplomatic Academy at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy. The training courses, which range in duration from 5 days to 1 year (25 to 1,152 hours), are organized in traditional and distance form.

Studying for the last 3 years at the preparatory and advanced training courses in foreign countries is recognized as an alternative type of training. Upon presentation of the relevant certificate, this category of persons shall be exempt from the obligation to study at the Academy for the period of validity of the certificate.

Upon completion of the training courses, trainees take a final written exam. Trainees who scored 55 points or higher are considered to have passed the exam, and they are issued a certificate of course completion.

Deputies of the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Karakalpakstan, khokims of regions and Tashkent city, khokims of districts (cities) on investment and foreign trade issues, as well as specialists in political, foreign economic and international legal spheres must be trained at the Academy at least once every 3 years.

The document was published in the state language in the National Legislation Database and entered into force on 11.01.2023.

## **Contracts of civil** servants

THE ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN DATED JANUARY 13, 2023 No. 3413

**«ON MEASURES TO PREPARE** CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMATIC POSTS AT THE DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY»



#### Requirements for employment contracts of civil servants approved

According to the document:

- a list of 21 conditions (specifics of civil service, restrictions related to civil service, features of the working regime, etc.), mandatory to be specified in the employment contract and 9 conditions (probation period, prohibition to distribute confidential information, etc.), which may be included in the employment contract, is fixed;
- an employment contract with a person entering the civil service is concluded in writing for a period not exceeding 3 years or for an indefinite period.
- with public civil servants belonging to the political group, the employment contract is not concluded.

The following conditions included in the employment contract are considered invalid:

- that worsen the position of the civil servant as compared to the requirements set forth in the civil service and labor laws:
- violating the prohibition of discrimination;
- violating the prohibition of forced labor;
- forcing the civil servant to commit unlawful acts and acts that violate the rights of the civil servant or other persons.

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