



If you are planning to study in Astana, Kazakhstan, you will be required to have a one year, multiple entry C-9 Study visa. This is the standard study visa for students on exchange programmes. Though 90 day single entry visas are available, our programmes extend beyond this time frame.

In order to apply for a C-9 study visa in London, you must be a resident of the UK or hold **settled status**. If you do not, regardless of attending a UK university, you will need to apply for your visa in that country in which you are a resident.

To obtain a C-9 study visa, you will have to provide the Kazakhstan consulate in London with the following documents:

1. Letter of invitation (LOI) from the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan. This official document will be sent to you by Language Link. To obtain this letter, Language Link must provide the Ministry of Internal Affairs with a scanned copy of your passport details page and the following information:
 - a. Your full name,
 - b. citizenship,
 - c. location of the consulate where you will be applying for your visa,
 - d. home address,
 - e. university attended, and
 - f. course dates.



Once this information has been submitted, it will take approximately two to four weeks to receive your letter of invitation. Please note, it is occasionally customary for the Ministry of Internal Affairs to combine all letters of invitation into one document which will be sent on to all students whose names appear on the LOI. You will receive your LOI by email.

2. Completed application form. The downloadable form can be found by going to https://www.gov.kz/uploads/2020/3/16/4c80ca175301c78bf83bcfd00077de06_original.244495.pdf.
The application form is in Kazakh and English. Be sure to complete it using block letters.
3. One recent, colour passport sized picture of the applicant which should be attached to the marked space in the upper right-hand corner of the application form (size: 3.5cm x 4.5cm, Full face, no smiling, sunglasses; a hat/cap or other head covering should be removed unless worn for religious belief or ethnic background. Background: White or Grey).
4. Passport valid for at least three months longer than the validity of the requested visa (with at least two blank pages).
5. Visa fee which as of this writing (30/10/2025) is 170 GBP for a one year, multiple entry visa.

You will need to make an appointment to drop off your completed application form and other supporting documents. Appointments can be scheduled at <https://www.gov.kz/memleket/entities/mfa-london/online-booking?lang=en> and should only take about 15 minutes. The consulate in London is located at Kazakhstan House, 125 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EA, United Kingdom. The entrance to the Consular Section is at the rear part of the building on Warwick House Street.

The consular section's schedule is from 9:30 to 12:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday for submission of documents. Once submitted **visa processing time takes 5 business days**. Documents can be collected from 16:00 to 17:00 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. If you require visa assistance, you can contact the consulate during regular office hours by e-mail: consuluk@mfa.kz or by phone: +44 207 925 7532.

About the company where you will be studying Russian: You will be studying Russian in Astana, Kazakhstan. Your visa sponsor is IT Education Company LLP which trades in Astana under the name Language Link Kazakhstan. Though your 'temporary address' is listed as Tengri Hotel, Atyrau, this is simply for convenience as there will be students who, wishing to rent apartments/ an AirBNB, have not yet done so.

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