

Information about certain measures taken by governments in the Kinstellar jurisdictions in relation to the COVID-19 situation

This table reflects the situation on 27 March 2020

Central Asia

	Kazakhstan	Uzbekistan
1. Travel Restrictions		
1.1 Incoming	From 16 March 2020 until 15 April 2020, entry into Kazakhstan is prohibited to foreigners (certain exceptions apply).	No entry from 15 March 2020. According to the decision of Republican Special Commission for preparing a program of measures to prevent the entry and spread of coronavirus into the territory of the Republic of Uzbekistan, all passenger (including aviation, railway and automobile) entry and departure from Uzbekistan will be restricted for 40 days, starting from 20 March 2020. The only exceptions are charter flights, which return citizens of Uzbekistan back.
1.2 Outgoing	From 16 March 2020 until 15 April, leaving Kazakhstan is prohibited to foreigners and citizens of Kazakhstan (certain exceptions apply).	No external travel from 15 March 2020. Restricted for 40 days since 20 March 2020.
2. Other Restrictions		
2.1 Free Movement	Movement of people outside the city of Almaty and Nur-Sultan is prohibited (and people who are outside are not permitted to enter the city except for those in certain categories such as healthcare workers).	Traveling within the country (entry and exit), is prohibited. Major cities are closed for entrance/exit: Tashkent (from March 24), Namangan (from March 26), Samarkand (from March 27), Gulistan (from March 27), Andijan (from March 27).
2.2 Closures (public places, shops etc.)	Starting from 00:00 19 March 2020, Nur-Sultan and Almaty cities will be closed on quarantine.	Kindergartens, schools, universities, all non-state, extracurricular and pre-school educational institutions, all non-food markets, cinemas, theatres, disco clubs, spa salons, play yards, restaurants, cafes (except take-away services), karaoke, billiard rooms are closed.

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	Schools, kindergartens, universities, shopping malls, theatres, exhibitions, fitness centres have been closed. Public events (including sport events, weddings etc) are forbidden. Most government and non-government organisations work from home.	No public or social events shall be held, except funerals (only 10-15 people).
3. Measures affecting certain industry sectors		
3.1 Any general import/ export restrictions	N/A	N/A
3.2 Commercial landlords/ tenant	N/A	N/A
3.3 Banks	The Agency on Regulation and Development of Financial Markets of RK (Agency) made a press release whereby penalties shall not be imposed for late payments on loans of individuals and legal entities caused by the emergency situation. Suspension of debt service obligations for 90 days for individual entrepreneurs, small and medium sized businesses if their financial condition has worsened due to the emergency situation.	Commercial banks are advised to soften loan repayment terms for enterprises negatively affected by the quarantine regime. In particular, on the basis of appeals of borrowers - individuals and individual entrepreneurs it is recommended to extend the deadline for final payments on their loans until 1 October 2020. Besides, it is recommended to banks not to charge penalties on deferred credit debts and not to direct the collection on the loan collateral. Based on the situation related to the introduction of quarantine, in order to ensure distance, it is recommended that credit institutions take measures to create a system for remote consideration of applications for deferred payments on loans.
3.4 Pharma and medical devices	N/A	N/A

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3.5 Other	Most international flights have been cancelled or reduced in number.	<p>On 19 March 2020, President Mirziyoyev signed a Presidential Decree “On priority measures to mitigate the negative impact on the sectors of the economy of the coronavirus pandemic and global crisis” (“the Decree”).</p> <p>Under this Decree, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Uzbekistan within three days shall publish an official notification of the occurrence of force majeure, which shall last until the restrictions imposed by the Decree are lifted.</p> <p>Business entities will be able to receive certificate on occurrence of force majeure event from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade within one day after the publication of official notification.</p> <p>Government established the Anti-crisis Fund under the Ministry of Finance amounting to appr USD 1.5 billion.</p> <p>These funds will be used to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Healthcare sector b) Entrepreneurs c) Extension of social support to population d) Sustainable development of various sectors of economy (state support to strategic SOEs, compensation of transportation costs of companies engaged in foreign economic trade, compensation of deficit in local budgets due to the tax holidays to be granted).
4. Subsidies and financial support available from governmental side		
4.1 General for businesses and employers	KZT 300 billion will be financed by the state to help local businesses and to create new work places.	Municipal authorities are instructed to grant a 6-month deferral period to legal entities (based on their written application and written conclusion of the heads of regional subdivisions of the Ministry of Economy and Industry and Ministry of Finance) for payment of property

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		<p>tax, land tax and tax for use of water resources without applying interest.</p> <p>For the period till 1 October 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To put on hold application of the penalties to the legal entities for outstanding payment under the foreign trade contracts; ▪ Tax authorities to stop application of penalties on property tax, land tax and land for use of water resources; also not to collect delayed payments. <p>For the period till 1 January 2021 to stop tax audits, excluding tax audits initiated within consideration of the criminal case or liquidation of the legal entity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To allow to legal entities to export goods (services) without the guarantee payment. <p>Employers are obliged to pay compensation amounting to 100% of monthly salary to parents taking care of kids (up to 14 years old) who are under quarantine.</p> <p>It is prohibited to terminate employment agreements with parents of kinds up to 14 years old who are COVID infected or quarantined.</p>
4.2 To specific sectors	N/A	<p>From 1 April till 1 October 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minimum amount of the social tax for individual entrepreneurs is decreased to 50% of basic calculation rate (BCA) (as of to date the BCA amounts to appr USD 23). ▪ the amount of payments by the entities engaged into wholesale of alcohol products to be decreased from 5% to 3% ▪ the amount of payment for the right to sell alcohol products by retailers to be decreased to 25% from the established rate. <p>From 1 April till 1 July 2020 to stop payments of the tourist levies.</p>

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4.3 To employees and individuals	N/A	Additional payments to be made to healthcare personnel and workers contributing to anti-pandemic measures
5. Measures taken by central banks		
5.1 Steps taken with regard to interest rate (most recent and expected)	The National Bank of RK has increased the base rate from 9.25% to 12%.	To take measures to ensure liquidity of the banks for the total amount of 1 trillion soums. To defer till 5 October 2020 payments amounting to 5 trillion soums to commercial banks under the loans (without applying penalties) granted to tour operators, entities operating in hospitality sector, transportation, logistics and also legal entities facing difficulties due to limitations on foreign trade operations. for the period
5.2 Steps taken or expected with regard to local currency	Local currency has devalued (i.e. the NBK is not supporting the currency), though this is mostly due to the severe drop in the oil price.	N/A
5.3 Use of foreign currency reserves	The reserves of the National Fund of RK will be used to perform social obligations of RK.	N/A
5.4 Other important steps	N/A	N/A
6. Other		
6.1 Trustworthy English language sources	https://www.inform.kz/en/president-tokayev-announces-one-month-state-of-emergency_a3625158	http://uza.uz/en/
6.2 Other	N/A	All employers are obliged to facilitate work from home for all employees for whose work places such work can be organized.

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		Distance learning to be introduced by schools, universities and kindergartens.