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Kazakhstan in Brief



Location: Central Asia



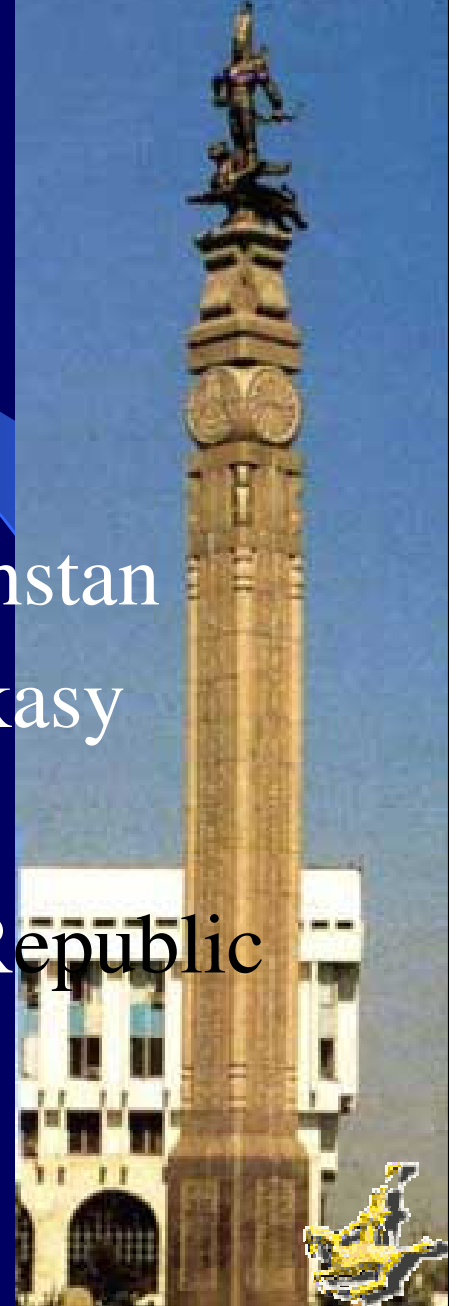
Map





Name

- **Conventional long form:**
The Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Conventional short form:** Kazakhstan
- **Local form:** Kazakhstan Respublikasy
- **Abbreviated:** KZ
- **Former:** Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic





Area



- **Total area:** 2,724,900 sq km (9th in the world)
- **Land area:** 2,669,800 sq km
- **Land boundaries:** total 12,012 km, China 1,533 km, Kyrgyzstan 1,051 km, Russia 6,846 km, Turkmenistan 379 km, Uzbekistan 2,203 km
- **Coastline:** 0 km (landlocked)



Population & Population Density

- 14,9 million
- 5.5 inhabitants per sq km





Capital



- Astana (formerly called Akmola) is the official capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan since December 10, 1997. It is located 1,300 km north of Almaty, and has the population of 322, 400 people (1999).

Climate

- strongly continental, cold winters and hot summers, arid and semiarid





Natural Resources



- major deposits of oil, gas, coal, iron ore, manganese, chrome ore, nickel, cobalt, copper, molybdenum, lead, zinc, bauxite, gold, uranium



Administrative-Territorial Division

- Administratively Kazakhstan is comprised of 2 cities of republic meaning, 14 oblasts (regions), 84 cities & towns, 159 audans (districts), 241 urban type settlements, 2,049 auls (villages) (as of 1999)

Government Type

- A constitutional republic with strong presidency



Head of State



- President –
Nursultan Nazarbayev



Head of Government

- Prime Minister – Karim Massimov

➤ The Ministry of Finance





Language

- The official state language is Kazakh, a Turkic language closely related to Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Turkmen and Turkish.
- Russian is the language of inter-ethnic communication.
- English is used by international organizations and the foreign business community in Kazakhstan.
- Uyghur, Korean and other ethnic minorities speak their national regional languages and dialects



Religion

- Kazakhstan is officially a secular state, but Sunni Islam is the major religion.
- The Russian Orthodox Church is the dominant Christian denomination.
- There are also Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish communities.
- ✓ Muslim - 55%, Russian Orthodox - 35%, Protestant - 2%, other - 8%



Ethnic Groups

- Over 100 nationalities:
 - Kazakhs - 53.4%;
 - Russians - 30%;
 - Other: Ukrainians - 3.7%, Uzbeks - 2.5%, Germans - 2.4%, Tatars - 1.7 %, Uigurs - 1.4%, Byelorussians - 0.7%, Koreans - 0.7%, etc. (as 1999)





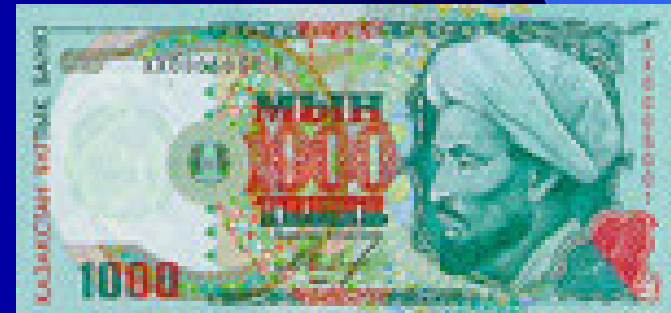
Local Currency



- **Tenge**, equal to 100 **tyins**
(introduced on November 15, 1993)

Nowadays exchange rates are:

- ✓ USD 1 = KZT 120.7
- ✓ CNY 1 = KZT 17.27





Customs service of the Republic of Kazakhstan



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The Customs Authorities System



Customs Control Committee

16 Regional customs control departments

Customs points

Checkpoints at the customs border

3 Customs houses

Customs points

Checkpoints at the customs border



The Emblem of Customs Service



The emblem of Customs represents an octahedral gold star which personifies a planet and eight cardinal points, the central element is shanyrak, the meaning center, the native house, the world and calmness on the ground. This sign has come to us from an antiquity, and served at nomads for a designation of peace.



Customs Duty Collection



- All necessary customs duties and taxes must be paid before the customs clearance and submission of a cargo customs declaration.
- There are the following payments for import of goods: customs fee, import customs duty, excise tax and value-added tax.
- Goods subject to excise tax are oil products, tobacco and alcoholic products and transport facilities, etc.



Customs Duty Collection



- When importing goods value added tax is paid at the rate of 13% of taxable import.
- When exporting of goods, export customs duty is paid for some goods. Goods subject to export customs duty include oil products, oil, ferrous and nonferrous scrap metals, wool and hides.
- Customs fee at the rate of 50 EURO for the main Declaration form and 20 EURO for every additional page.



The main goals and existing problems



The basic goals of the customs policy are promotion of development of the economy and protection of economic interests of the Republic of Kazakhstan, ensuring effective customs control.

Implementing the task of duty collection, we ensures the completeness of collection and timeliness of transfer of customs payments and taxes to the budget.

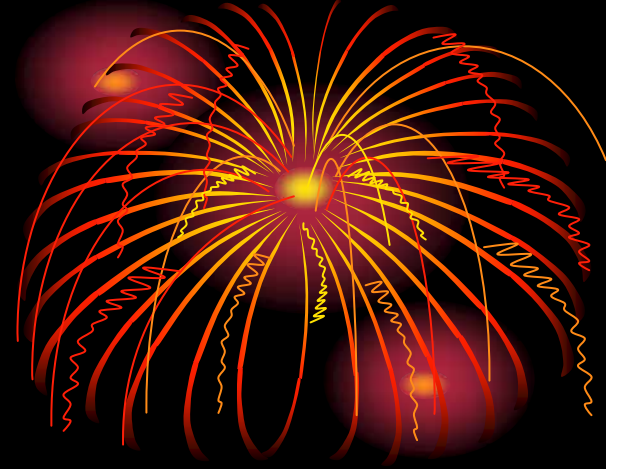


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Main problems on customs duty collection are:

- understating of customs value by unfair participants of foreign trade activities;
- doubtful classification (manipulation with codes of goods nomenclature of foreign trade activities);
- current numerous privileges and preferences complicating effective customs administration.



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