
KAZAKHSTAN TO CREATE MORE FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS FOR ETHNIC BRETHREN RETURNING FROM ABROAD

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According to the current legislation, oralmen who want to apply for Kazakh citizenship must provide documents supporting the fact that they resided in another country before Kazakhstan established its independence in 1991. The current legislation excludes oralmen born after that year and the amendment would tackle this problem by redefining the term.

In this regard, the concept of oralman will be clarified in the new edition, according to which the main criterion will be the fact that the ethnic Kazakh was not previously a citizen of Kazakhstan, said Sarbasov.

Oralmen will be able to apply for a residence permit and Kazakh citizenship simultaneously, as they require the same set of documents.

Oralman adaptation and integration centres will be created in the Akmola, East Kazakhstan, Kostanai, North Kazakhstan and Pavlodar regions. Three centres are currently operating in Karaganda, Shymkent and Aksukent village in the Turkestan Region.

According to the amendments, the ability to receive applications from citizens for inclusion in the regional quota for receiving immigrants would be assigned to employment centres. The competence currently belongs to employment coordination departments.

According to official data posted by Tengrinews.kz, 957,764 oralmen arrived in Kazakhstan from 1991-2016. Counting their descendants, as well as those who arrived without the help of the state resettlement programme, there are more than one million oralmen in the country, or 10 percent of all ethnic Kazakhs.

The highest number of oralmen reside in the Almaty, Mangystau and South Kazakhstan regions, as well as Almaty, the capital and Taraz.

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