



## RIGHTS AND COMPETENCIES OF GOVERNMENT BODIES IN THE FIELD OF MIGRATION.

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**Annotation:** This article presents the concept of "migration," the first scientific definitions of migration, the reforms currently being implemented in our country in migration processes, and issues related to increasing the scope of legal protection for labor migrants abroad, systematically studying problems at workplaces, and providing necessary practical assistance in their solution.

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The policy of openness of the new Uzbekistan to the entire international community has created broad opportunities for free migration for citizens of the country. In order to create a favorable legal environment for foreign citizens arriving in our country, a system of migration control and a legal framework that meets international standards have been created. One of the main areas of activity of state bodies in the field of migration is the coordination of migration legislation, the protection of human rights and legitimate interests, the strengthening of state sovereignty and the fight against illegal migration. Uzbekistan is implementing a number of measures to develop tourism in the field of migration, social protection of our labor migrants, employment of foreign citizens in our country, and the return of our compatriots to their historical homeland. Despite the widespread use of the terms "migration" and "migrant," there is still no unified interpretation of it. For example, according to the International Organization for Migration, migration is the movement of people from their usual place of residence through an international border or within state borders. Today, managing migration processes is one of the policies pursued not only by states, but also by international organizations. In particular, on December 4, 2000, the United Nations General Assembly declared December 18 as International Migrant Day. On the same day in 1990, the General Assembly adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families. In addition, an international migrant organization was established to protect the rights of migrants.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) was established in 1951 as an intergovernmental organization. In its activities, the SNA adheres to the principle that humane and orderly migration should benefit both migrants and the society that receives them.

The SNA, together with its partners, carries out activities aimed at facilitating the solution of urgent problems in the field of migration. Clarify migration issues; support social and economic development through migration; provide comprehensive support for genuine respect for the human dignity of migrants and concern for their well-being. In 2016, an agreement on relations was signed between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration. Thus, the SCO has become one of the specialized agencies of the

United Nations. In 2018, Uzbekistan became a full member of the International Organization for Migration and ratified the Constitution of the SCO. As part of the large-scale reforms currently being implemented in the field of public administration and the development of international cooperation, Uzbekistan's attitude towards migration issues has fundamentally changed. Our country is implementing specific measures to develop international and regional cooperation in the field of protecting migrants' rights, improving national legislation and mechanisms. The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated October 17, 2024 No. UP-162 "On priority measures to reform the system of management of migration processes" was adopted.

**According to this decree, in order to increase the efficiency of temporary labor activities abroad, to introduce a unified vertical management system in the field, as well as to determine the specific tasks and responsibilities of the responsible state bodies:**

rename the republican commission on external labor migration as the republican commission on migration and approve its updated structure;

Termination of the activities of the Agency for External Labor Migration under the Ministry of Poverty Reduction and Employment and creation of the Agency for Migration under the Cabinet of Ministers (hereinafter referred to as the Agency);

The transfer of the Fund for Support and Protection of the Rights and Interests of Persons Working Abroad to the Agency and the creation on its basis of the Migration Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) without the status of a legal entity has been determined.

**The following were identified as the main activities of the Migration Agency:**

1. Comprehensive regulation of external labor migration processes, control over the work of organized sending of citizens abroad for temporary work, as well as the accounting of these citizens.

2. Licensing the activities of private employment agencies for the employment of persons seeking work outside the Republic of Uzbekistan, control over their compliance with licensing requirements and conditions.

3. Cooperation with the competent authorities of foreign states on the development and implementation of international projects in the field of migration, temporary employment of citizens abroad and ensuring their labor rights.

4. Organization of work on training citizens in professions and foreign languages based on the requirements of foreign employers, introduction of recognized qualification assessment and certification systems in developed countries.

5. Legal and social protection of citizens whose rights have been violated, who have found themselves in difficult financial and other difficult situations during the implementation of temporary labor activities abroad, and assistance in their return to the Republic of Uzbekistan in the manner prescribed by law.

6. Continuous cooperation with the diplomatic missions of Uzbekistan abroad and foreign countries in our republic, expansion of relations with Uzbek diasporas and compatriots.

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated July 11, 2017 No. PP-3126 "On measures to radically improve the activities of internal affairs bodies in the field of migration processes and registration of citizenship" was adopted. In accordance with the Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan No. UP-5005 of April 10, 2017 "On measures to radically improve the efficiency of the activities of internal affairs bodies,



strengthen their responsibility in ensuring public order, reliable protection of the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens," as well as in order to radically improve the activities of internal affairs bodies in the field of migration processes and citizenship registration, eleven tasks were given in this resolution. According to the first task, the most important task of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan and its territorial divisions is to implement the following main directions for improving the efficiency of migration processes and registration of citizenship:

- establishing a qualitatively new procedure for organizing the activities of the republican, middle and lower divisions of migration and registration of citizenship, clearly defining and distributing their main tasks and functions, providing for personal responsibility for the proper fulfillment of the duties assigned to them by managers and employees;

- strengthening preventive measures among employees of migration and citizenship registration departments, eliminating cases of corruption and abuse of power arising in the process of providing public services to the population, including under the influence of unmanaged queues;

- improving the system of prevention, identification and elimination of violations of the rules of the passport system based on a comprehensive study of the causes and conditions that contribute to the facts of illegal migration;

- establishing close cooperation with ministries and departments in ensuring compliance with the rules of the passport system, migration processes and registration of citizenship, implementation of international agreements on cooperation in this area;

- systematic study of the legislation in the field of migration of foreign countries, primarily the Republic of Uzbekistan, where citizens frequently visit, constant analysis of the state of external migration, preparation of proposals for the conclusion of international treaties aimed at creating favorable conditions for citizens of the country;

- widespread use of modern information and communication technologies in their activities, aimed at ensuring the transparency and simplification of procedures for the provision of public services, strengthening the material and technical base of migration and citizenship registration departments.

Within the framework of the system of safe, orderly and legal labor migration being implemented in our country, consistent work is being carried out to train citizens who are going abroad in professions and foreign languages, to protect their rights and interests abroad, to provide necessary social and information-consultative assistance, to provide comprehensive support to their family members.

At the same time, there is a need to increase the scope of legal protection of labor migrants abroad, systematically study problems at workplaces and provide necessary practical assistance in their solution, informing about the ongoing reforms and positive changes in Uzbekistan.

Further strengthening of legal protection of citizens of the Republic of Uzbekistan temporarily engaged in labor activities abroad and socio-economic support of their family members are being carried out.

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