

# Startup ecosystem of Kyrgyzstan

## *Mini-Research*

### Foundation of a legal entity: procedures/time

State registration of legal entities in Kyrgyzstan is performed by the Ministry of Justice and its territorial divisions.

Before submitting documents to the registration authority it is necessary to choose a company name. It is important to know that legal entities must use only letters of the Kyrgyz and Russian alphabets in their names in the state and official languages of the Kyrgyz Republic (KR) respectively, and letters of the Latin alphabet in English.

In order to register a legal entity, the following documents must be submitted to the registration authority:

- Registration statement;
- The decision of the participant(s) to found a legal entity;
- A copy of the participant's passport (if the participant is a natural person);
- A copy of the state registration certificate (in case the participant is a legal entity);
- A copy of the passport of the head of the legal entity;
- Other information in accordance with the legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

In Kyrgyzstan, state registration is based on the "one-stop" principle. This means that the company is registered and listed under the tax authority, the statistical authority and the Social Fund of Kyrgyzstan at the same time.

After passing the state registration with the Kyrgyz Ministry of Justice (or its subdivision) the legal entity has to submit the necessary documents to the tax and Social Fund at the place of its location for registration.

State registration of legal entities by the Justice authorities is effected within 3 working days from the date of submitting all the necessary documents required by law to the relevant Justice body. Financial and credit institutions are registered by bodies of justice within 10 calendar days.

After a Legal Entity receives a registration certificate with its Tax Identification Number (TIN) it can get a seal. Seals in Kyrgyzstan are made by private companies.

## Registration of a Legal Entity in Kyrgyzstan by a Foreign Company

If a foreign company wishes to register a legal entity in Kyrgyzstan, it must additionally provide a legalized/apostilled extract from the state Registry or another document certifying that it is a valid legal entity under the laws of its country.

## Taxation of companies in Kyrgyzstan

The following national taxes and fees are levied on legal entities in Kyrgyzstan:

- Corporate income tax - 10%;
- Value added tax - 12%;
- Income tax - 10%;
- Tax on income at source in the Kyrgyz Republic received by a foreign organization not affiliated with a permanent establishment;
- 5 to 10%, depending on the rate;
- Excise tax;
- Sales Tax - 0 to 5%, depending on the entity doing business and the type of goods, work or services sold;
- Property tax - 0,35 % to 0,8 % of taxable base depending on the object of property;
- Land tax.

Additionally, the company pays:

- Contributions for prevention and liquidation of emergencies - 1.5% of the value of sold products;
- Contributions for the development and reproduction of the mineral resource base - 2-15% of the cost of marketable products;
- Tax on the use of roads - 0.8% of the volume of marketable output (for industrial enterprises) or 0.08% of the turnover (for trade enterprises).

## Registration Place

Territorial subdivisions of the Ministry of Justice of Kyrgyzstan:

- Chui Bishkek Department of Justice (address: 25, Gorky str., Bishkek, 720005, telephone (0312) 591596, Fax (0312) 590622, [chujmj@minjust.gov.kg](mailto:chujmj@minjust.gov.kg));
- Osh Department of Justice (Address: 306, Lenin Street, 71400, Osh, telephone (03222)2- 80-28, [shmj@minjust.gov.kg](mailto:shmj@minjust.gov.kg));

- Talas Oblast Department of Justice (address: 298 Zh. Tagaybayeva str., 724200, Talas, phone: (03422) 5-30-12, (03422) 5-31-00, talasmj@minjust.gov.kg)
- Justice Department of Naryn Oblast (address: 18, Mambetaly uulu Taranchy str., Naryn, 722600, telephone: (03522) 5-09-85, (03522) 5-13-85, narynmj@minjust.gov.kg)
- Batken Oblast Department of Justice (address: 34, 8th March Street, Batken, 715100, telephone: (03622) 5-00-60 , (03622) 5-00-62, batkenmj@minjust.gov.kg)
- Department of Justice of Issyk-Kul oblast (address: 105 Abdrakhmanov St., Karakol, 722360, telephone: (03922) 5-06-64, (03922) 5-23-27, ysykkolmj@minjust.gov.kg)
- Justice Department of Jalal-Abad Oblast (address: 129A Kyrgyz Republic str, 715600, Jalal-Abad, telephone: (03722)7-01-01, 7-00-04, jalalabadmj@minjust.gov.kg).

A list of contacts of employees of the above-mentioned departments, as well as a list of state notary offices in Kyrgyzstan, is available [here](#).

## Opening a bank account, foreign exchange operations, a brief description of the processes

After receiving the bank registration certificate and seal, a legal entity can open an account in any bank in Kyrgyzstan. After opening a current account, the bank notifies the tax authority at the place of registration of the legal entity within 5 working days.

In order to open an account, a legal entity must submit the following documents to the bank:

- Application for account opening, signed by the manager, chief accountant and certified by the seal;
- The Charter (Regulations) and the articles of incorporation (in case of several founders), which are registered by the Justice authorities;
- Certificate of registration with the Ministry of Justice;
- Document certifying the authority of the manager and accountant, on the right of first and second signature (such document may be a protocol of the meeting of founders or shareholders on the election of a particular person as the manager, and the decision of the founders or shareholders on the appointment of the head of the legal entity; order);
- A notarized card with sample signatures of persons authorized to dispose of the account and stamp of the legal entity (in duplicate);
- A certificate from the tax inspection for registration and absence of debts to the budget.
- Notification of registration with the Social Fund;
- A copy of the passports of the persons authorized to manage the account.

### ***The list of banks that provide services to businesses in Kyrgyzstan:***

<a href="#">FINSA Банк</a>	<a href="#">Кыргызско-Швейцарский</a>	<a href="#">Банк Пакистана</a>
<a href="#">Бай-Түшүм</a>	<a href="#">Банк РСК</a>	<a href="#">Демир Банк</a>
<a href="#">Банк КЫРГЫЗСТАН</a>	<a href="#">Банк</a>	<a href="#">Дос-Кредобанк</a>
<a href="#">KICB</a>	<a href="#">Банк Азии</a>	<a href="#">Евразийский</a>
<a href="#">Банк Компаньон</a>	<a href="#">Айыл Банк</a>	<a href="#">Сберегательный Банк</a>
<a href="#">Кыргызкоммерцбанк</a>	<a href="#">Аманбанк</a>	<a href="#">Капитал Банк Толубай</a>
<a href="#">Керемет Банк</a>	<a href="#">Бакай Банк</a>	<a href="#">ФинансКредитБанк</a>
		<a href="#">Халык Банк Кыргызстан</a>
		<a href="#">ЭкоИсламикБанк</a>

## **In order to create a basic regulation of business on the Internet, e-commerce**

Platform for the further development of digital technologies in economic/social transactions in the country, the state strategy of digital transformation "Taza koom" and the concept of "Digital Kyrgyzstan" are being implemented.

The development of business on the Internet is facilitated by the activities of the Association of E-Commerce in Kyrgyzstan. The Association represents the interests of online business in Kyrgyzstan, provides legal and informational support on e-commerce for members of the Association, and works to create a positive image of online shopping in Kyrgyzstan.

As of now, 15 internet companies in the country are members of the Association, among them: Namba (online cab Namba Taxi, Namba Food - round-the-clock delivery service of food, medicines , full-service advertising agency Namba Media); Balance - service combining e-wallet, online payments, card-to-card transfers, quick loans, etc.; Qoovee - B2B-platform for business; lalafo - ad service and others.

## **Barriers to e-commerce development**

As of 2019, 90% of the money turnover in the country consisted of cash, and this is a significant barrier to the development of Internet commerce in the country. As recently as 2017, 95% of bank card transactions were cash withdrawals. Many people in Kyrgyzstan are still skeptical or do not know how to shop online.

Another barrier to the development of e-commerce is the internal service limitations of commercial banks due to strict regulation by the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan. For example, all new bank cards are blocked by default for online payments. To start using the card online, an application and the customer's personal presence at the bank is required.

Another impediment to the development of electronic commerce is the impossibility of making payments between legal entities without the use of a bank transfer system.

The commission for Internet acquiring varies from 1.6% to 4% depending on the turnover of the business, the higher the turnover, the lower the commission. For online stores with a small turnover, the average commission is about 3%.

## Programs that help startups from other countries obtain grants

During development by the State Service for Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent) - [www.innovate.kg](http://www.innovate.kg)

## IT recruiting and other services for finding highly qualified professionals

A list of recruiting agencies/resources in Kyrgyzstan that help find specialists to work on a startup/IT project:

- [Employment.kg](http://Employment.kg) – website, where vacancies and CVs of specialists in all industries are posted;
- [Job.Kg](http://Job.Kg) - Jobs from employers in Bishkek and throughout Kyrgyzstan;
- [au.kg](http://au.kg) – website with a list of jobs from various industries in Kyrgyzstan;
- [Центр Персонала Консалтинга и Рекрутинга](#) – company for search, certification, training of personnel;
- [Империя кадров](#) - one of the largest recruitment agencies in Kyrgyzstan, selects and evaluates personnel competencies. Specialization - all areas of business.

## Startup Acceleration Platforms in Kyrgyzstan

The State Service for Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of Kyrgyzstan - Kyrgyzpatent, conducts competitions "**Startup Kyrgyzstan**" on a regular basis, according to the results of the first round projects were selected to participate in the acceleration program and they were awarded funding. Kyrgyzpatent also implements other programs and projects aimed at the development of the startup community, startup competencies, creation of startup financing mechanisms, access to markets, getting access to infrastructure for prototyping and testing.

The PEAK Business Innovation Centers are the result of the PEAK Entrepreneurship and Innovation Development Program, which is funded by the UK government and aims to support the private sector in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The centers organize incubation and acceleration programs, assist startups, small and medium-sized businesses with consulting and mentoring, and offer **co-working space**.

**Business Accelerator Accelerate Prosperity** is an initiative of the Aga Khan Organization in Central and South Asia (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Pakistan). The project offers grants funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) as part of the Demigely Zhashtar project and is aimed at developing entrepreneurial activity among young people. Several projects will receive up to \$50,000 as a result of the acceleration program. In Kyrgyzstan, acceleration programs were implemented in Bishkek, Osh and Naryn.

**The USAID office** in Kyrgyzstan implements its programs for startups, including acceleration programs. In 2019, the Business Accelerator program from the USAID Competitive Enterprise project was launched.

**John Galt Business Incubator** - provides startups with co-working, mentorship and access to its own network of contacts. For example, in January 2020 John Galt launched a business project competition supported by UNDP Youth for Peace. Announced support - investments from 30,000 to 1,000,000 soms for the best projects.

**Acceleration program of KG LABS**, a public foundation for startup development in Central Asia. Mentors will help participants improve their ideas and then the projects will be presented to investors.

**Business Professionals Network** is a Swiss foundation that operates in Kyrgyzstan and runs a program for entrepreneurs. The program includes mentoring, training, networking, and equipment loans. The participants of the program are accompanied by professionals from Switzerland and Kyrgyzstan. The program also includes a number of workshops and training sessions, which are open to anyone interested.

**E-learning Accelerator**, a program for strengthening existing multimedia educational projects in Kyrgyzstan, was implemented in the fall of 2019. E-learning Accelerator is a joint initiative of the American University of Central Asia (based in Bishkek), the aha.kg platform, and the Prague Civic Center.

**Talent StartUps** is a training program offering practical knowledge and skills to implement a business idea. The business trainings of the program take place in 5 regions of Kyrgyzstan (Talas, Naryn, Karakol, Batken, Jalal-Abad) and are conducted by local trainers who already have experience in developing a business idea. The main prize for participants is the opportunity to receive up to 2,000 euros for the launch of a project at no cost.

In August 2020, **Kyrgyzpatent and the High Tech Park of Kyrgyzstan** together with other partners announced and launched the Startup Guide online event marathon, which aims to support startups in the country through the provision of educational materials, trainings and master classes.

## Government agencies responsible for the development of startup ecosystems

State Intellectual Property and Innovation Service under the PKP Kyrgyzpatent

a. Chairperson of Kyrgyzpatent - Dinara Moldosheva

b. URL: [www.patent.kg](http://www.patent.kg) / [www.innovate.kg](http://www.innovate.kg)

Kyrgyzpatent promotes the development of innovation and startup ecosystem of the country, programs and projects aimed at the development of the startup community, startup competencies, creating mechanisms for financing startups, access to markets, getting access to infrastructure for prototyping and testing and other projects.

High Tech Park of the Kyrgyz Republic

c. Director of the Committee on IT and Communication of the Kyrgyz Republic - Altynbek Ismailov

d. URL: <http://ict.gov.kg/>

## General characteristics of Kyrgyzstan in terms of the development of startups and digital services

Initiatives catalyzing the development of startups and innovation in Kyrgyzstan:

- **Startup Kyrgyzstan** - "The Best Innovation Startup of Kyrgyzstan, held in 2019-2020 by the State Service for Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent). Up to 500,000 soms (\$6,280 equivalent) are allocated to the winner of the contest to implement one startup project. As part of the competition, the projects were accelerated on startup development and received professional advice on how to write a business plan, as well as the opportunity to find a potential investor or business partner.
- **Concept "Digital Kyrgyzstan"**, 2019-2023. Objectives of the concept: to create new opportunities for the population through the development of digital skills; to provide quality digital services; to ensure economic growth through the digital transformation of priority sectors of the economy, strengthening of international partnerships and the creation of new economic clusters.

## Organizations contributing to the development of Kyrgyzstan's startup ecosystem

**JIA Business Association** is a platform that offers a framework for interaction of the business community in Kyrgyzstan. The mission of JIA is to develop an innovative, socially responsible and open community of entrepreneurs for the development of the Kyrgyz Republic. The Association operates thematic committees and clubs uniting entrepreneurs by their interests. JIA provides a range of services to both established and aspiring entrepreneurs in the country. In addition, JIA actively cooperates with foreign companies and international organizations.

The list of services provided by JIA:

- 1) Consultations on basic questions of taxation and legal registration of business;
- 2) Expert support, including support in interaction with the government and state institutions;
- 3) Support to entrepreneurs through involvement in thematic committees;
- 4) Corporate communications support;
- 5) Sending out business information;
- 6) Online platform for intensive information exchange, networking - JIA App and thematic groups on WhatsApp;
- 7) Recruiting;
- 8) Business travel/visits;
- 9) BIFs and B2B meetings;
- 10) Organizing trainings/seminars;
- 11) Organization of forums and exhibitions;
- 12) Organization of business events to develop corporate relationships;
- 13) Formation and maintenance of platforms to strengthen communications;
- 14) Provision of business promotion services.

**The Kyrgyz Association of Software and Services Developers (KAPΠΟΥ)** is a voluntary non-profit organization established as a result of uniting legal entities operating in the IT sphere of Kyrgyzstan to protect and promote their interests, human resources and industry development, software development and services in general. In 2008, KAPΠΟΥ initiated the establishment of the High Tech Park of Kyrgyzstan, which started its activities in 2013.

**The High Tech Park** is an organization that promotes IT business development and innovation in Kyrgyzstan and is also a special tax zone: until 2028 Hi-Tech Park residents are exempt from taxes and insurance premium payments. Organizations pay 1% of proceeds to the Hi-Tech Park Directorate to organize its work. The income tax rate for employees of resident companies is 5%. There are 85 resident companies operating in the Hi-Tech Park of Kyrgyzstan.

**The Center for Business Innovation Development** in Bishkek opened as part of the "Entrepreneurship and Innovation" PEAK Bishkek (funded with the support of the UK Department for International Cooperation, DFID).

**The Multifunctional Innovation Center** is being built on the basis of the State Patent and Technical Library, which will include support system for development of innovations in the country, various platforms, including such components as FabLab, Youth Lab, co-working center. The project is implemented by the State Service for Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)

**Business Incubator Ideagrad** (Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Ideagrad/> ) is a start-up incubator in Bishkek that supports start-up entrepreneurs in the region through a training and mentoring program as well as by providing small start-up capital.

## Attracting investment in startups

**"I Invest in Kyrgyzstan"**. (Instagram page) is an organization led by Chygyz Makeshov to attract direct investment in startups and existing businesses in Kyrgyzstan. A platform where businesses get money and investors get reliable projects. In addition to investing and matting, the organization teaches aspiring entrepreneurs the basics of business.

**The Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund** is an organization that helps innovative projects aimed not only at commercial benefits, but also at creating jobs, increasing industrial production and developing local communities. In August 2019, the Russian-Kyrgyz Development Fund launched a startup funding program. As stated, the startups applying for funding under the program should belong to the sphere of agricultural products processing, sewing, textile, manufacturing, processing industry, tourism, IT sphere. The funding for the projects is 70 million soms, 10 million for each oblast of Kyrgyzstan.

**Entrepreneur and philanthropist Azat Isakunov's "Jashoo Bulagy Invest" investment program** implements the "One Million Dollars for Start-ups" project. The project will invest \$1,000,000 in unique, innovative, creative and promising projects and business ideas in Kyrgyzstan. You can apply to participate until December 20, 2020.

## Co-working spaces

*Name - Ololohaus Victory*

*Address - Business Center Victory, Street. Ibraimova 103 st, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

*WEB-address - <https://ololo.city/>*

*Overview - <https://www.coworker.com/kyrgyzstan/bishkek/ololohaus-victory>*

*Working Hours - Mon: 8:30- 24:00, Sat: 9:00- 23:30, Sundays: 9:00- 23:30*

*Rental price of a fixed workplace - KGS 8000.00 / 1 month*

*Rental price of a workplace in Open Space - KGS 8000.00 / 1 week-week*

*Availability of personal office space - KGS 27000.00 / 1 month*

*Availability of rooms for meetings - yes*

*Name - ololohausManas*

*Address - 29 Alex Cycling, Manas, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

*WEB-address - <https://ololo.city/>*

*Overview - <https://www.coworker.com/kyrgyzstan/bishkek/ololohausmanas>*

*Working Hours - Mon: 8:30- 21:00, Sat: 9:00- 18:00, Sunday. - 9:00-18:00*

*Price for renting a fixed desk - KGS 8000.00 / 1 month*

*Open Space Rental Price - KGS 8000.00 / 1Week*

*Availability of private office space - KGS 27000.00 / 1 month*

*Availability of meeting rooms - yes*

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*Availability of meeting rooms – yes*

## Development of the fintech market in Kyrgyzstan

The fintech market in Kyrgyzstan is in the initial stage of development. In March 2020, the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan adopted the Concept of Development of Digital Payment Technologies in the Kyrgyz Republic for 2020-2022. This Concept defines the main directions for the development of digital payment technologies in Kyrgyzstan for 2020-2022, listed below.

1. Development of the electronic money market. As of September 2020, 9 commercial banks of Kyrgyzstan had a license to issue e-money, and 11 e-money settlement systems were operating in the country. The development of the electronic money market in Kyrgyzstan is aimed at:

- identification of e-wallet holders;
- expansion of opportunities for legal entities and individuals to carry out transactions with e-money of various settlement systems;

- Increasing the interest of end users in the use of e-wallets;
- building clear and transparent conditions for conducting operations with e-money;
- increasing security requirements for operations with electronic money.

2. Development of contactless payment technologies. The country already uses contactless bank cards and two-dimensional bar codes (QR codes), and there is a gradual increase in their use. For further development of contactless payments in the Kyrgyz Republic it is necessary to ensure:

- increase in issuance of contactless payment cards of the national payment system "E-CARD" national payment system;
- increasing the volume of electronic wallets, key fobs and bracelets with embedded chips, etc;
- increasing the number of POS-terminals with the function of receiving contactless payments in the trade and service outlets;
- creation of conditions for development of services providing payment operations with the use of mobile applications, including QR-codes.

3. Introduction of Rapid Payments System.

Research and analysis of the use of distributed registers technology.

5. Regulation of activities related to circulation of digital (virtual) assets (cryptocurrencies).

6. Research and analysis of application of artificial intelligence technology and cloud services.

## The possibility of using blockchain technology in Kyrgyzstan

As of 2020, the legal status of cryptocurrencies in Kyrgyzstan is not defined and there is no regulation of the sphere. However, according to the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan, cryptocurrency transactions exist in the country.

At the same time, the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan has already approved the introduction of a tax on mining. The rate of 15% is calculated from the cost of electricity, and includes VAT and sales tax.

## The use of blockchain in Kyrgyzstan

As for blockchain technology, its practical implementation was carried out in a trout fishery in Kyrgyzstan's Kemin district. The blockchain-based system allows the process of growing, feeding, harvesting, processing, sorting and transporting trout to dealers/consumers to be tracked, as well as information on the health of fish, what vaccinations they received and other data, indicating where and when this was done. With blockchain, the entire path of a trout from the pond to the final consumer can be tracked.

## Special benefits for startups and IT companies in Kyrgyzstan. Registration procedures for these benefits

### High Tech Park Kyrgyzstan (HTP)

The HTP residents are exempt from taxes and payments of insurance premiums until 2028. Organizations pay 1% of proceeds to the HTP Directorate to organize its work. The income tax rate for employees of resident companies is 5%. There are 85 resident companies operating in the HTP of Kyrgyzstan.

Any company from IT sector can become a HTP resident.

#### **List of required documents:**

- 1 Application form
- 2 Foundation documents: charter and agreement on incorporation; certificate of state registration; protocol/decision on appointment of a manager of a legal entity
- 3 Business-plan
- 4 Legal entity passport
- 5 Power of attorney on behalf of the legal entity
- 6 Copy of the balance-sheet
- 7 Additional materials (agreements, memoranda, certificates)
- 8 Scanned copies of the documents listed above.

#### **The procedure for becoming a HTP resident in Kyrgyzstan:**

- 1 Applicant submits the listed documents, which are then reviewed within 1 month.
- 2 If the application is approved, the company receives initial registration for 6 months.
- 3 If within those 6 months, the company demonstrates MVP (minimum viable product) in the relevant area, it will receive permanent registration.
- 4 The HTP expects the resident company to receive 80% of its export revenues after 1 year from final registration.

## Tax regime in FEZ (Free Economic Zone)

There are 5 free economic zones operating in the Kyrgyz Republic: FEZ "Bishkek", FEZ "Bishkek" FEZ, "Naryn" FEZ, "Leilek" FEZ and "Karakol" FEZ.

The special tax regime in FEZ territory is determined by Chapter 57 of the Kyrgyz Tax Code.

FEZs in Kyrgyzstan are established in specially designated areas, which are provided with customs control and customs regulation of FEZ subjects' activities in accordance with the requirements of the customs legislation of the Kyrgyz Republic.

A special regime regulates the registration of commercial and foreign enterprises, immigration, labour, customs duties, taxes, foreign currency, land property, international trade and any requirements of financial inspections, statistics, standards and health services. FEZs provide facilities for warehousing, wholesale and export-import trade, banking, production of goods for export and transport services.

Companies operating in FEZ enjoy the following benefits and privileges:

- exemption from all types of taxes, liabilities and payments during the entire period of operation in the FEZ;
- payments to the General Directorate for provision of privileges in FEZ territory in the size of 1 - 2 % of earnings from sales of goods and services during the year;
- export of goods, produced in FEZ, import in FEZ, as well as goods intended for transfer and re-export are exempted from customs duties
- Export of goods produced in the FEZ, as well as goods intended for shipment and re-export, are exempt from quotas and licensing;
- Simplified and expedited registration;
- Simplified customs procedures;
- simplified customs procedures;
- Direct access to important infrastructures, including telecommunications, water, electricity and transportation facilities.

List of documents required for registration as a resident of FEZ in Kyrgyzstan (the Bishkek FEZ is taken as an example):

- an application to the General Directorate of FEZ for concluding an agreement on the conditions of carrying out activities indicating information on the intended activities, the area of the land plot necessary for activities, the estimated amount of capital investments to be made within one year from the date of concluding the agreement (contract, agreement) in the FEZ;
- copy of certificate of state registration (re-registration);
- copy of taxpayer registration form;
- copy of constituent documents;
- copy of constituent documents;
- copy of founding documents;
- business plan.

It takes 5 working days to check the documents and make a decision to conclude an agreement on conditions of doing business in FEZ or to refuse to conclude the agreement.

## General economic situation in Kyrgyzstan, conditions for relocation and office opening

According to the Statistics Committee of Kyrgyzstan in January-June 2020, the average monthly nominal wage in the country was 17,999 soms, equivalent to \$226.07.

Food prices in 2020 are the equivalent of \$ (data from Numbeo.com service):

- milk (1 liter) - \$0.57
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- loaf of white bread (500 g) - \$0.26
- Rice (white, 1 kg) - \$0.83
- Eggs (12 units) - \$1.09
- Local cheese (1 kg) - \$4.68
- Chicken fillet (1 kg) - \$3.49
- Beef loin (1 kg) - \$4.73
- Apples (1 kg) - \$0.95
- Bananas (1 kg) - \$1.27
- Oranges (1 kg) - \$1.35
- Tomatoes (1 kg) - \$1.15
- Potatoes (1 kg) - \$0.29
- Bottle of wine - \$4.10
- Local beer (0.5 l) - \$0.76
- Cigarettes (pack) - \$1.08

Transport prices:

- fare in city passenger transport - \$0.13
- monthly pass for one vehicle - \$6.30
- cab fare (average fare) - \$0.63
- 1 km of cab ride - \$0.15
- 1 liter of gasoline - \$0.56
- Utility payments:
  - basic utilities for an 85 m2 apartment - \$36.72

Rental housing:

- 1-bedroom apartment downtown - \$237.28
- 1-bedroom apartment in the residential district - \$160,49

There are no publicly known relocation programs in Kyrgyzstan.

The cost of office rent in Bishkek varies depending on the class of the business center and its location. For example, an office on Moskovskaya Street 55 m2 on the 10th floor of the business center, with renovation, air conditioning and will cost 56,485 soms, or \$ 709.46 per month.

## Prototyping laboratories and Hi-Tech production facilities

[Fablab Bishkek](#) –laboratory at the Kyrgyz State Technical University, which was opened with the support of the government of the Republic of Korea. Fablab Bishkek has 3D printers, 3D scanners, laser cutters, vinyl cutter, CNC, Arduino, and other equipment.

