

ADVISORY FOR INDIAN STUDENTS WISHING TO STUDY MEDICAL COURSE IN KYRGYZSTAN

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Highlights of Joint Press Conference held by the Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic

1. H.E. President Sadyr Japarov had signed a Decree "On the Establishment of a State Monopoly on Training of Medical Professionals" in Kyrgyzstan on August 28, 2025 for the development of education in Kyrgyzstan and modernizing the system for training personnel in the field of medicine to improve the quality of medical education and national healthcare system available to citizens. Following the Presidential Decree that introduced a State Monopoly on the training of medical specialists in the Kyrgyz Republic the Cabinet of Ministers of Kyrgyzstan approved a Resolution for State Accreditation of Secondary and Higher Medical education institutions and the government Decree setting accreditation standards was issued on April 16, 2026. According to this Resolution, Universities must undergo State Accreditation by June 1, 2026. The new procedure applies to both Colleges and Universities training Medical Specialists. On March 19, 2026, the Decree for the establishment of "Center for Admission of Foreign Students" was signed which will coordinate Admission, Visa, Document submission and evaluation of foreign students seeking admission for medical education.
2. A **Press Conference** on the theme "**On the introduction of a State Monopoly on the training of Specialists in Healthcare**" was organised by the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic on April 24, 2026.

The following salient aspects were highlighted in the Press Conference:

(i) **Unified Platform for Admission of International applicants to be launched in Kyrgyzstan:**

Bekturgan Babaev, Director of the Digital Education Department at Tunduk JSC, announced that a Unified Platform for Admissions of International Applicants is being launched in Kyrgyzstan. According to him, a Unified Portal has been created, covering everything from Registration and Document submission to University Enrolment. He added that University staff are currently being trained on how to work with the system. The Portal "**educate.gov.kg**" includes information about the country, a list of Universities, Programs of Study, Fees, Language of Instruction, and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). A separate Personal Account has been created for applicants, where they can independently fill out all the information. Each stage is reflected in the System. There would be two types of payment on the Platform -Payment for processing of documents and Payment for Education. There won't be any increase in Tuition Fee, Minimum Fee is 3000 US\$ and for KSMA it is 3500 US\$. Applicants can track the University Admissions Process themselves. He added that the Platform is integrated with other

government information systems. This allows for automated data verification. Applicants will also be able to obtain an Insurance Policy through the Platform. It is available in English and Russian.

(ii) Deadline for Accreditation

The Minister of Health Damir Osmonov announced that the accreditation deadlines of 1st June, 2026 for Medical Universities in Kyrgyzstan will not be extended. He added that this is an educational system on which the lives of our patients and citizens depend and at present, no extension of accreditation deadlines is being considered, as the process has been underway since August 2025. He emphasized that no student will be affected.

(iii) Impact on Existing Students:

The Rector of the Kyrgyz State Medical Academy Indira Kudaibergenova added that KSMA has passed International Accreditation. She said that if any University fails to pass accreditation, students will be redistributed among KSMA and other accredited institutions. All students will continue their studies and KSMA will take the responsibility for redistribution of students. She added that every University must comply with rules and standards from the moment it is established; this makes it easier to pass accreditation. Universities must submit applications and self-assessment reports by April 27. Within three days, the Ministry of Health's Accreditation Council will appoint a Commission to visit the Institutions. The inspection may take one to two days, so the procedure is not lengthy. According to her, there are currently 22 Private and 11 Public Medical Universities (State Universities) in Kyrgyzstan. Indira Kudaibergenova said that the State is establishing control over all Universities to ensure the quality of training. Private Institutions educate not only International students but also local students. Educational Institutions that fail to pass Accreditation in accordance with the established procedure will lose the right to issue State-Recognized Diplomas and to Enroll students. Private Educational Institutions that have the necessary infrastructure but do not meet Licensing or Accreditation requirements may operate only in the format of Pre-University Preparatory Courses or as Teaching and Clinical Training Bases. All Universities should get License and Accreditation otherwise their Diplomas will not get verified.

(iv) Unified Quality Standards:

The Rector of the Kyrgyz State Medical Academy Indira Kudaibergenova remarked that Educational Franchises will Create a Unified Quality Standard in Medical Universities. The Rector of KSMA, explained the mechanisms for implementing Educational Franchises and mandatory Accreditation for Medical Universities in Kyrgyzstan at the Press Conference. According to her, the law clearly defines the concept of an Educational Franchise as a System of Contractual relations under which a State Educational Institution grants a Non-State Educational Institution the right to carry out educational activities based on programs approved by State standards, as well as to use teaching materials,

standards, and the Brand. In addition, the law stipulates that, for the purpose of quality control of Educational Services, Non-State Medical Educational Institutions that have passed State Accreditation are required to enter into an agreement with a system-forming State Educational Institution. This status has been assigned to the Kyrgyz State Medical Academy. Thus, interaction is carried out through Contractual relations with Universities that have passed the established State Accreditation. The Rector of KSMA also highlighted that the State Accreditation system itself is not a new practice—similar mechanisms operate in Russia, Kazakhstan, and a number of other countries. Their goal is to ensure the quality of Specialist Training

Indira Kudaibergenova noted that the focus is on forming a Unified approach to quality control in education so that Graduates—Doctors, Pharmacists, and other Specialists—meet high Professional standards and remain competitive. This directly affects the prestige of the state, as the level of training of Specialists reflects the reputation of the country where they were educated and where they work abroad. Rector also highlighted the work of the new “Center for International Education”. She said that concerns that the Center would be limited only to handling documents is unfounded as its role is much broader which includes Support Services, Information Work, International Promotion, and the Systematic attraction of Foreign Students.

(v) All the Universities will have same admission requirement.

3. All the Students wishing to study Medicine in the Kyrgyz Republic should take note of the ongoing developments in the field of Medical education in the Kyrgyz Republic and accordingly plan their decision.

4. Mission will continue to monitor the developments and accordingly update the Advisory.
