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When, in an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19, Kazakhstan introduced a state of emergency on 16 March 2020, many of the state authorities ceased physical operations and began to transition to the provision of state services electronically, including through the government website - eGov.kz. The following is a brief overview of the new services that can be obtained through the eGov.kz website.

Remote receipt of electronic digital signatures ("EDS")

Since 26 March 2020¹, applicants have been able to obtain an EDS remotely, without visiting Public Service Centres (PSC), through the remote identification (biometric facial recognition). To receive an EDS, applicants should have:

- original valid ID;
- a mobile phone with the ability to receive incoming SMS text messages;
- a personal computer with a webcam;
- NCALayer software, which is used to install and use the EDS.

An EDS is valid for one year.

In addition to being available through the eGov.kz website, an EDS can also be easily obtained through the eGovMobile app.

The eGovMobile app also allows you to link existing EDS keys to a four-digit PIN code and your smartphone's built-in biometrics (FaceID or TouchID). After linking your EDS keys to a PIN code and biometrics you will no longer need to choose the EDS key and enter a password each time you authorise and receive services in the mobile app.²

On 1 April 2020³, a pilot project was launched to allow CEOs of legal entities to receive an EDS using remote recognition, without having to visit a PSC, which had previously been the case.

Migration and immigration services

A new service soon to be made available through the eGov.kz site is the "Generation of an individual identification number ("IIN") for foreign nationals temporarily residing in Kazakhstan". According to the Kazakhstan Tax Code, the tax authorities will generate an IIN by registration at a non-resident's place of residence.⁴

The service will be provided based on the standard "Generation of an Individual Identification Number for Foreign Nationals temporary residing in the Republic of Kazakhstan" approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs Order from 27 March 2020.

Once up and running, the service should be provided within one business day.

Land relation services

In relation to land issues, through the eGov.kz website you can currently:

- coordinate a projected land plot with graphic data from the automated state land cadastre data system;
- receive details of land plot quality;
- determine the cadastral value of a land plot.

To receive the above services you first need to log in to the website, complete an application using the step-by-step process and sign it with an EDS or one-time password.

¹ Information from the Kazakhstan National Certification Centre <https://pki.gov.kz/news/>

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⁴ Article 76 of the Kazakhstan Tax Code dated 25 December 2017

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