

**K.Zhubanov Aktope Regional University**



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**PROGRAM**

**for the interview with foreign citizens and citizens of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan who have completed compulsory military service, are applying for  
full-time bachelor's degree studies on a paid basis.**

**Aktobe – 2025**



This program is intended for conducting interviews with applicants enrolling on a paid basis who are either foreign citizens or citizens of the Republic of Kazakhstan who have completed compulsory military service.

The purpose of the interview is to assess the applicant's level of motivation, communication skills, and overall understanding of the chosen educational program.

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## 1 General Provisions

1.1. The Program on the rules for conducting interviews at the NJSC "Aktobe Regional University named after K. Zhubanov" (hereinafter referred to as the University) regulates the procedure for conducting interviews during the admission of the following categories of applicants: foreign citizens, as well as conscripted soldiers enrolling for the full duration of the bachelor's degree program on a paid basis.

1.2 This Program is developed based on:

- Standard rules for admission to study in educational organizations implementing educational programs of higher and postgraduate education, approved by order of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated October 31, 2018 No. 600;

- Methodological recommendations for the compliance of related groups of educational programs of higher education and specialties of technical and vocational, post-secondary education approved by the Order of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated August 2, 2024 No. 387;

- Rules for admission to study at the University;

- Rules for the recognition of educational documents, approved by order of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated July 12, 2023 No. 268;

- Other legislative and regulatory acts and instructional letters on issues of admission to higher educational institutions.

1.3 The result of the interview is assessed as **“recommended”** / **“not recommended.”**

1.4 The interview is conducted either online or offline, based on the preference of international applicants and applicants who have completed military service.

1.5 The interview is conducted individually with each candidate by the admissions committee.

1.6 The composition of the examination committees is formed from among the University faculty members who have a doctoral or candidate of science degree, or a doctor of philosophy (PhD) degree, master's degree in the relevant field. Members of the examination committees are not allowed to be members of the appeal committee.

1.7 The interview is conducted in Kazakh and Russian. The EP "Foreign Philology", the EP of the Heriot-Watt campus "6B07108 Electrical Power Engineering", "6B07209 Petroleum Engineering and Energy Management", "6B06107 Computer Engineering" are conducted only in English.

1.8 Based on the results of the interview conducted by the University's Admissions Committee, enrollment is carried out in accordance with the academic calendar – no later than 5 (five) calendar days before the start of the academic period.

1.9 The interview procedure is formalized by an interview protocol and an interview report in the form according to Appendix 1, 2, in which questions to the applicant are recorded.

1.10 Upon enrollment, applicants are given extracts from the register and kept in their personal files. Those not enrolled are destroyed one year after the end of the entrance examinations.



1.11 The interview schedule is determined by the dean of each faculty and approved by the chairman of the admissions committee. The interview schedule is posted on the official website of the University and is communicated to applicants by technical secretaries.

1.12 The interview protocol is submitted to the secretary of the examination committee by the responsible secretary of the admissions committee on the day of the interview.

1.13 Admission of applicants to the auditorium is carried out upon presentation of a passport or identity card, as well as on the basis of a receipt for the acceptance of documents.

## **2 MAIN REQUIREMENTS**

The main requirements for international candidates and citizens who have completed military service during the interview are:

1. Ability to clearly explain the reason for choosing the university;
2. Demonstrated interest in the chosen field of study;
3. Ability to give accurate answers to interview questions.

## **3 INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES**

### **I. Personal Background**

1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family.
2. How would you describe yourself in three words? Why?
3. Who is your role model?
4. What events in your life influenced your decision to apply to university?

### **II. Academic Motivation**

5. Why did you choose this particular major?
6. What topics or subjects are you especially interested in within this field?
7. How do you usually study: do you have a learning strategy, routine, or methods?
8. Describe an academic project or work you are particularly proud of.
9. Do you work better individually or as part of a team?

### **III. University and Kazakhstan**

10. Why did you decide to study in Kazakhstan?
11. Why did you choose K. Zhubanov Aktobe Regional University?
12. What attracts you to Kazakhstani culture and the educational system?
13. What do you know about this university and its programs?
14. How did you learn about the opportunity to apply here?

### **IV. Academic Goals and Career**

15. What are your academic goals for the next 4 years?
16. What career do you plan to pursue after graduation?
17. Do you plan to stay in Kazakhstan after your studies?



18. What does your ideal job look like?
19. Would you like to pursue a Master's/PhD degree?
- V. Skills, Qualities, Leadership
20. What personal qualities help you overcome challenges?
21. Have you ever demonstrated leadership? Describe one such situation.
22. Do you have experience participating in volunteer projects or school organizations?
23. How do you manage stress and deadlines?
- VI. Integration, Participation, Community
24. Do you plan to take part in student life (clubs, activities, events)?
25. How do you plan to adapt to a new linguistic and cultural environment?
26. What can you contribute to the university community as an international student?
- VII. Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving
27. Tell us about a time when you faced a difficult task and how you solved it.
28. Imagine you failed an important exam. What would you do?
- VIII. Personal Development and Motivation
29. What inspires you in life?
30. What skills do you want to develop at the university first?

#### **4 INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE COMPLETED MILITARY SERVICE**

- I. General Information and Life Experience
  1. Tell us a little about yourself (full name, hometown, education level).
  2. Where and in which unit did you serve in the military?
  3. Have you ever overcome a serious challenge? What did it teach you?
- II. Attitude Toward Education
  4. Why did you decide to apply to university now?
  5. What major did you choose and why?
  6. Is your chosen major related to your previous knowledge or military experience?
  7. How do you think higher education will help you in the future?
- III. Academic Readiness and Goals
  8. What goals do you have for your university studies?
  9. Which subjects are easier or more difficult for you — and why?
  10. Do you prefer to work independently or in a team?
- IV. Career and Development
  11. In which field would you like to work after graduation?
  12. Do you plan to use your military experience in your future career?
  13. What contribution would you like to make to society or the country through your profession?
- V. Personal Qualities and Leadership
  14. What personal qualities do you consider your strengths?
  15. Have you had leadership experience? In the army, school, or life?
  16. How prepared are you to make decisions in stressful situations?
  17. Do qualities like discipline, responsibility, and precision help you in your studies?



## VI. Adaptation to Student Life

18. How do you plan to adapt to university life after the army?
19. Are you willing to participate in student organizations or volunteer work?
20. How do you plan to balance studying, personal life, and possibly part-time work?

## 5 INTERVIEW ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The admissions committee evaluates the following professionally significant qualities of the applicants:

- **Motivation:** Understanding the purpose of education and the ability to express one's views on academic and professional development;
- **Research Competence:** Basic knowledge and skills necessary to successfully complete undergraduate studies;
- **Creativity:** Innovative elements in answers to questions;
- **Communication:** Ability to clearly and logically articulate thoughts orally, proficiency in Kazakh, Russian, or English at an academic level for communication.



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Faculty \_\_\_\_\_

EP \_\_\_\_\_

Interview protocol

Date:

Time:

PRESENT:

Chairman of the Commission.....

Members of the commission.....

**Agenda of the Meeting:** There must be information about the applicant (full name, citizenship, etc.), and what educational program he/she is applying to.

Questions for applicants:

Applicant's Responses:

Conclusion.

Chairman of the commission: \_\_\_\_\_ Full name

Members of the commission \_\_\_\_\_ Full name

\_\_\_\_\_ Full name

\_\_\_\_\_ Full name

Secretary of the Commission \_\_\_\_\_ Full name



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No. \_\_\_\_ Interview Sheet

(name of the OP)

Based on vocational education (3 years)

Based on secondary education (4 years)

Interview date \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning of interview \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the  
Commission \_\_\_\_\_

№	Full name of applicant	Interview results	Signatures of the commission members
		recommended	
		recommended	
		recommended	
		recommended	
		recommended	

Chairman of the Commission \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary of the Commission \_\_\_\_\_