



On the “Astana Hub” innovation cluster

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Footnote. The title of the Law as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Throughout the text, the words "information and communication technologies", "in the field of informatization", "information and communication and innovative technologies" have been replaced by the words "digital technologies", "in the field of digitalization", "digital and innovative technologies", respectively, in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

This Law shall define the legal status of the “Astana Hub” innovation cluster.

Footnote. Preamble as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Chapter 1. General provisions

Article 1. The basic definitions used in the present Law

The following basic concepts shall be used in this Law:

1) acceleration – the process of training and instruction of innovation actors for intensive development of their innovation projects;

2) Astana Hub autonomous cluster Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) – a non-profit organization established by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and performing the functions stipulated by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

3) the Astana Hub innovation cluster (hereinafter referred to as the Innovation cluster) - an association of innovation cluster participants designed to stimulate innovation activities, including in the field of digital technologies, through interaction and joint use of existing opportunities, exchange of knowledge and experience, conducting research, effective technology transfer, establishing sustainable partnerships and disseminating information;

4) project of Astana Hub innovation Cluster participant (hereinafter referred to as the project of innovation Cluster Participant) – a set of activities to create or improve production, technologies, goods, works, and services implemented over a specified period of time;

4-1) participants of the Astana Hub – legal entities registered as participants of the Astana Hub in the manner determined by the authorized body in the field of digitalization;

4-2) special economic zone "Park of Innovative Technologies" - a special economic zone in the field of digital and innovative technologies, created in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on special economic and industrial zones;

5) technological development center - a center that shall promote the development and creation of innovative technologies, including digital technologies, and shall also be engaged in training to improve production technologies, including its content and implementation;

6) transnational corporation - a legal entity (an aggregate of legal entities), consisting of the main organization and branches, subsidiaries on the territories of several countries;

7) foreign investment Fund – a non-resident legal entity whose exclusive activity is accumulation and investment of innovative entities in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Footnote. Article 1 as amended by the Laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 17.11.2015 № 407-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); or 24.11.2015 № 419-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); dated 27.12.2021 № 87-VII (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

Article 2. Legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Innovation Cluster

1. Legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on innovation cluster shall be based on the Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan, shall consist of this Law and other normative legal acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. The legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the field of state support for innovation activities, on industrial policy, on special economic and industrial zones is applied to the innovation cluster and the Fund in the part not regulated by this Law.

3. If an international agreement ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan shall establish other rules than those contained in this Law, the rules of the international treaty shall apply.

Footnote. Article 2 c as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.10.2015 № 376-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); dated 27.12.2021 № 87-VII (shall enter into force upon expiry of ten calendar days after its first official publication).

Article 3. The purpose of creating and operating an innovation cluster

An innovation cluster is created and operates for the purpose of accelerating the development of new technologies, further improving the organizational, economic and social conditions for conducting research, developing new technologies, assisting in their commercialization, and creating conditions for the innovative activities.

Footnote. Article 3 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Article 4. Principles of the innovation cluster activity

The activity of the innovation cluster shall be based on the following principles:

- 1) integration of science, education and production;
- 2) prioritizing the funding of projects by innovation cluster actors aimed at enhancing the national economy competitiveness;
- 3) economic efficiency and effectiveness of supporting the activities of participants in the innovation cluster;
- 4) development of priority directions of fundamental and applied scientific research;
- 5) objectivity and independence of the assessment of projects by innovation cluster actors financed by the Fund;
- 6) development of international cooperation;
- 7) stimulating the commercialization of technologies in priority sectors of economy.

Footnote. Article 4 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 31.03.2021 № 24-VII (shall be enforced ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Chapter 2. LEGAL STATUS OF THE INNOVATION CLUSTER

Article 5. Management of the innovation cluster

1. Management of the innovation cluster shall be carried out by the Board of Trustees of the innovation cluster, which shall be established by the decision of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan in order to develop and maintain the innovation cluster.

2. The position and structure of the Board of Trustees of the innovation cluster shall be approved by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3. The Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan shall be the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the innovation Cluster.

Footnote. Article 5 in the new wording of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.07.2017 № 86-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day its first official publication).

Article 6. The Board of Trustees of the Innovation Cluster

The functions of the Board of Trustees of the innovation cluster shall include:

- 1) definition of strategic tasks for the development of an innovation cluster;
- 2) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015);
- 3) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015);
- 4) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015);
- 5) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015);
- 6) other functions stipulated by this Law and the Regulation on the Board of Trustees of the innovation cluster.

Footnote. Article 6 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015).

Article 7. Participants of the Innovation Cluster

1. Participants of the innovation cluster shall carry out their activities to achieve the strategic objectives defined by the Board of Trustees of the innovation cluster.

2. Participants in the innovation cluster shall be:

1) participants of the special economic zone "Park of Innovative Technologies" included in the unified register of participants of the special economic zone, including participants of the special economic zone in the field of digital and innovative technologies, operating outside the territory of the special economic zone in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on special economic and industrial zones;

2) legal entities with the status of scientific organizations, joint-stock venture capital investment funds, educational organizations, technology parks, industry design bureaus, technology commercialization centers, national development institutes, national management holdings, national holdings, national companies, as well as legal entities engaged in innovative activities included by the Fund in the list of innovation cluster actors;

2-1) Astana Hub actors;

3) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication);

4) Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).

Footnote. Article 7 as amended by the Laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated

29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015); or 17.11.2015 № 407-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); or 24.11.2015 № 419-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

Article 7-1. Specifics of foreign labor recruitment by the Fund and Astana Hub actors

1. Foreigners and stateless persons arriving in the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan to work for the Fund shall obtain an entry visa upon approval by the national security authority of the Republic of Kazakhstan at the foreign missions of the Republic of Kazakhstan or upon arrival at the international airports of the Republic of Kazakhstan as required by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. Foreign nationals and stateless persons who are employees of Astana Hub actors or employees of the Fund, their family members (spouse, children, and dependents (subject to availability of supporting documents)), shall obtain an entry visa valid for up to five years.

3. The Fund shall maintain records of foreign labor attracted by it and by Astana Hub participants. Information on attracted foreigners and stateless persons shall be submitted by the Fund to the authorized body for population migration issues and the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The scope of information submitted to the authorized body for population migration issues and the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the frequency and procedure for its submission, shall be determined by the authorized body in the field of digitalization in agreement with the authorized body for population migration issues and the National Security Committee of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

4. The Fund and the Astana Hub actors are required to have and keep documents certifying the qualifications of each foreign national and stateless person recruited.

5. Visas for the persons referred to in paragraph 2 may be extended upon the request of the Fund without leaving the Republic of Kazakhstan in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Footnote. Chapter 2 has been supplemented by Article 7-1 pursuant to the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

Chapter 3. Fund management specifics

Footnote. The title of Chapter 3 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Article 8. Management of special economic zone "Park of Innovative Technologies"

Footnote. Article 8 has been excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Article 8-1. Functions of the Fund

The functions of the Fund shall include:

- 1) financing of projects of participants in the innovation cluster;
- 2) development of proposals for development of cooperation of participants in the innovation cluster with foreign partners;
- 3) the search for potential investors for implementation of projects of participants in the innovation cluster;
- 4) participation in the creation, management and coordination of joint ventures in the form of technological development centers with transnational corporations;
- 5) creation of and equity participation in investment funds, including equity participation in foreign investment funds;
 - 5-1) provision of acceleration and technological business incubation services to innovative entities;
 - 5-2) provision of marketing services to innovative entities;
 - 5-3) provision of consulting, information, analytical, educational and other services to innovative entities;
 - 5-4) interaction with international organizations and foreign partners to attract information, educational, and financial resources to stimulate the development of projects by innovation cluster actors, the study of international experience, and knowledge exchange;
 - 5-5) sending invitations and applications for visas to foreigners and stateless persons to undergo training under the Fund's programs;
 - 5-6) attracting non-residents and residents of the Republic of Kazakhstan to participate in the Fund in accordance with the Fund's operating rules;
 - 5-7) registration of Astana Hub actors and issuance of relevant supporting documents in accordance with the Fund's operating rules;
 - 5-8) provision of housing and creation of conditions for individuals undergoing acceleration at the Fund, in accordance with the Fund's operating rules;
 - 5-9) assistance in conducting and organizing events aimed at developing innovation in the corporate sector, with the aim of improving interaction between innovation cluster participants;
 - 5-10) organization of training of qualified personnel in the field of digital technologies in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
 - 5-11) Approval of the list of innovation cluster actors;
- 6) other functions provided for by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Footnote. Chapter 3 shall be supplemented by Article 8-1 in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

Article 9. Management bodies of the Fund

1. The Fund's highest governing body shall be the Management Committee. The Chairman of the Management Committee is the head of the authorized body in the field of digitalization.

The regulations on the Management Committee, as well as its composition, shall be approved by the authorized body in the field of digitalization.

2. The exclusive competence of the Management Committee shall include:

- 1) introduction of amendments and additions to the Fund Charter;
- 2) approval of annual and medium-term budgets of the Fund;
- 3) approval of the procurement rules of the Fund for goods, works, services;
- 4) determination of the audit organization performing the external audit of the Fund;
- 5) other authorities in accordance with this Law and the Charter of the Fund.

3. The Steering Committee includes representatives of the founder, teachers, researchers, and representatives of public associations, as well as other persons.

The activities of the Management Committee shall be ensured by the authorized body in the field of digitalization.

4. The current activity of the Fund shall be managed by its executive body, which may be collegial or sole.

The Executive Body of the Fund shall act on the basis of and in pursuance of the decisions of the Management Committee and the authorized body in the field of digitalization

The structure and competence of the executive body of the Fund shall be determined by the charter of the Fund.

Authorized body in the field of digitalization:

1) determine the quantitative composition, terms of office of the head and members of the executive body of the Fund;

2) elect the head and members of the executive body of the Fund, and also prematurely terminate the powers of the head and members of the executive body of the Fund;

3) coordinate the activities of the Fund;

4) develop and approve the Fund's operating rules;

5) approve the rules for the inclusion of legal entities with the status of scientific organizations, joint-stock venture capital investment funds, educational organizations,

technology parks, industry design bureaus, technology commercialization centers, national development institutes, national management holdings, national holdings, national companies, as well as legal entities engaged in innovative activities, in the list of innovation cluster actors ;

6) exercise other powers under this Law, other laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan, acts of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5. The Fund's executive body shall be liable to the Fund for harm caused by actions and (or) inaction in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan,

6. Other bodies may be established in the Fund in accordance with its Charter.

Footnote. Article 9 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); dated December 27, 2019 № 294-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication); dated 21.05.2024 № 86-VIII (shall enter into force upon expiry of sixty calendar days after its first official publication); dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 09.01.2026 № 256-VIII (shall come into effect upon expiry of six months after the date of its first official publication).

Article 10. The Property of the Fund

1. The Fund's assets shall be formed by:

1) voluntary property contributions and donations;

2) excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication);

3) receipts (income) from the sale of goods, works and services in cases established by the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

4) dividends (income, remuneration (interest) received on shares, bonds, other securities and deposits;

4-1) excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 15.03.2025 № 172-VIII (effective from 01.01.2025);

4-2) membership fees paid to the Fund by Astana Hub participants in accordance with the Fund's operating rules;

5) other sources not prohibited by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

2. Excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.01.2022 №101-VII (shall be enforced upon expiry of sixty calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

2-1. The Fund shall determine projects of innovation cluster actors for funding from its own assets based on the expert assessment results.

3. Excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

3-1. Excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 15.03.2025 № 172-VIII (effective from 01.01.2025).

4. The property of the Fund, formed in accordance with this article, shall belong to it on the basis of ownership.

5. The Fund shall use the assets formed in accordance with paragraph 1 of this article to ensure the activities, operation and development of the innovation cluster, also to finance the projects of the innovation cluster actors.

6. The founder shall not have property rights to the assets of the Fund.

The founder shall not be responsible for the obligations of the Fund, and the Fund shall not be responsible for the obligations of the founder.

Footnote. Article 10 as amended by the Laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 29.12.2014 № 269-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2015); or 17.11.2015 № 407-V (shall be enforced from 01.01.2016); dated 03.01.2022 № 101-VII (shall be enforced upon expiry of sixty calendar days after the date of its first official publication); dated 15.03.2025 № 172-VIII (effective from 01.01.2025); dated 27.09.2025 № 220-VIII (effective ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication).

Article 11. Reorganization, liquidation of the Fund

1. The Fund shall be a subject to reorganization, liquidation in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Charter of the Fund.

2. In the case of liquidation of the Fund, the property remaining after satisfaction of creditors' claims shall be transferred to the purposes indicated in the foundation documents of the Fund.

Chapter 14. FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 12. Responsibility for violation of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Innovation cluster

Violation of the legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan on innovation cluster shall entail responsibility in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Article 13. Transitional Provisions

1. The founder shall take a decision to establish the Fund by reorganizing the relevant legal entity with the participation of the state in the charter capital within six months from the date of introduction of this Law.

2. Is excluded by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).

Footnote. Article 13 as amended by the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated

03.04.2019 № 243-VI (shall be enforced upon expiry of ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication).

Article 14. Order of enactment of this Law

This Law enters into force upon expiry of ten calendar days after the date of its first official publication.

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