

Bolashak International Scholarship — Kazakhstan's 30-Year Return-Service Talent Programme

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Quality score: 57/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Kazakhstan's return-service scholarship has sent 12,731 citizens abroad for fully funded degrees since 1993, requiring years of work at home after graduation — with a documented 1.9% non-compliance rate and an active debt-recovery system.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-31

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