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On 18 July 2019 President of the Republic of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev signed a Law “On Tourism”.

The law defines the main directions of state policy in the field of tourism. Among them are the creation of favorable conditions for investment in the tourism industry, the development of public-private partnerships, the establishment of tax and customs benefits, the creation of new jobs, the support and encouragement of the introduction of innovative and information and communication technologies, the promotion of the development of tourist zones and tourist clusters.

According to the law, the State Committee for the Development of Tourism is an authorized state body in the field of tourism.

Tourist information centres will be created that provide individuals and legal entities with information on tourism facilities, as well as promoting them.

Tour operator and travel agent activities, as well as other travel activities, are considered tourist activities.

The activities of tour operators and travel agents are carried out on the basis of a license. The license is issued for an indefinite period of time. Individuals who are an individual entrepreneur who provides excursion services, a license to engage in tourist activities is not required.

Guides (translator guides), guides and tour guides can provide services independently without forming a legal entity after receiving the certificate issued by the Committee.

In accordance with the Law, the Committee develops the national tourist sign of Uzbekistan.

In addition, the Law establishes the forms of international and domestic tourism, as well as its types - cultural, historical, pilgrim, ecological, educational, ethnographic, gastronomic, business, social, sports, medical, youth, agritourism, and others. Such mechanisms of participation of self-government bodies of citizens and non-state non-profit organizations in tourism events, such as participation in the development of tourism development programs, public control, making proposals in this area, interaction with government bodies and organizations are established.

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