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Studying in Azerbaijan

A guide for international students & families — how Azerbaijan's higher education works, the student visa and ASAN e-visa, affordable English-medium medicine, and recognition.

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ABOUT K12 ACADEMICS

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AFFORDABLE ENGLISH-MEDIUM MEDICINE, COSMOPOLITAN BAKU

Azerbaijan (in the Caucasus, bridging Europe and Asia) has become a popular destination for **affordable, English-medium medical and dental education (MBBS/MD, Dentistry)**, led by **Azerbaijan Medical University** in cosmopolitan Baku. Degrees are **WDOMS-listed** and follow the European **Bologna framework**. Students obtain a **student visa** (including a quick ASAN e-visa). This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

General guidance, not legal, immigration, or medical-licensing advice. Azerbaijani rules, tuition, and recognition change, and **licensing depends on where you'll practice — verify WDOMS listing, any ECFMG sponsor note, and your council's rules**. Confirm details with your university and the Azerbaijani mission.

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STEP 01 OF 10

Understand Why Students Choose Azerbaijan

WHAT TO KNOW

Azerbaijan offers **affordable, English-medium MBBS/MD and Dentistry; WDOMS-listed degrees; a European (Bologna) framework; and a safe, cosmopolitan setting in Baku** — a practical route for aspiring doctors and dentists.

BY THE NUMBERS

Affordable	WDOMS-listed	Baku
English medicine/dentistry	+ Bologna framework	safe, cosmopolitan

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Azerbaijan's **affordable, European-aligned medical/dental degrees** against the need to pass licensing exams where you'll practice — strong value in a modern, welcoming city.

GOOD TO KNOW

Azerbaijan participates in the **EHEA/Bologna framework**, supporting transparent credit cycles — and Baku is a safe, cosmopolitan student city.

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Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

The leading medical option is **Azerbaijan Medical University (AMU)** — the country's main medical school, offering English-medium Medicine and Dentistry — alongside **Khazar University's Medical Faculty**. For broader English-taught study, **ADA University** and **Baku State University** are notable options.

BY THE NUMBERS

Azerbaijan Medical Univ	Khazar	ADA / Baku State
main medical	medical faculty	broader English

HOW TO HELP

Choose **Azerbaijan Medical University or Khazar** for English-medium medicine/dentistry, or ADA/Baku State for broader English-taught programs — confirming accreditation and recognition.

WATCH OUT

Confirm your medical university is **WDOMS-listed**, and (for US-bound students) check the **ECFMG sponsor note** for your school and graduation year.

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Get the Student Visa (or ASAN e-visa)

WHAT TO KNOW

After accepting your offer, you apply for a **student visa** through an Azerbaijani embassy/consulate, or via the **ASAN e-visa system** (evisa.gov.az — issued in about 3 working days, valid 30 days, ~$20). The student visa requires a **full-time program**; you'll then register for your residence.

BY THE NUMBERS

Student visa	ASAN e-visa	Full-time
embassy or ASAN e-visa	~3 days, ~$20	program required

HOW TO HELP

Apply for the **student visa** (via an Azerbaijani mission or the quick **ASAN e-visa**) after accepting your offer, then register your residence — the visa requires a full-time program.

GOOD TO KNOW

The **ASAN e-visa** is fast (~3 days) and inexpensive — a convenient route for many nationalities; confirm which applies to you.

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Apply to Universities

WHAT TO KNOW

Apply **directly (online)** — for example via portal.edu.az or the university — with your academic records and passport. You'll show **English proficiency** (English is the medium for international medical tracks); some universities require an **interview**. A **preparatory year** is available. Indian students must clear **NEET**.

BY THE NUMBERS

Apply directly	English	Interview
portal.edu.az / university	proficiency required	at some

HOW TO HELP

Apply **directly (online)** with your records, prove **English proficiency**, and complete any interview — a preparatory year is available, and Indian students must clear NEET.

GOOD TO KNOW

Some universities require a short **admissions interview** and offer a **preparatory year** — check your program's specific process.

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Plan for Tuition & Scholarships

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition runs roughly **$6,000–11,000 per year** for medicine (dentistry similar; a preparatory year ~$5,000) — always confirm the **official university tuition**, separate from any agent package. Funding includes **Government of Azerbaijan Scholarships** and **university merit awards (25–100%)**.

BY THE NUMBERS

Tuition	Confirm	Scholarships
~$6,000–11,000/yr	official (not agent) fees	government & merit

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **tuition** (~$6,000–11,000/year; confirm the official figure, not an agent package), and pursue Government of Azerbaijan Scholarships or university merit awards (25–100%).

GOOD TO KNOW

Always verify tuition on the **official university website**, separate from bundled agent packages — figures can differ.

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Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

You'll show **proof of funds** (bank statement or sponsor letter) covering tuition and living, plus **medical reports, financial proof, and health insurance**. Confirm the exact requirements with your university and the Azerbaijani mission.

BY THE NUMBERS

Funds	+ medical reports	Confirm
bank statement/sponsor	& insurance	per mission

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds** (bank statement or sponsor), medical reports, and insurance — confirm the exact requirements with your university and the Azerbaijani mission.

GOOD TO KNOW

Requirements are modest — follow your university's and the mission's official checklist.

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Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

International medical tracks are taught **in English**, so you prove English proficiency. The country's languages are **Azerbaijani and (widely) Russian**; some Azerbaijani or Russian helps in clinical rotations and daily life.

BY THE NUMBERS

English	Azerbaijani/Russian	Some local
medical tracks	local languages	helps clinicals

HOW TO HELP

Prove **English proficiency** for the international medical track, and pick up some **Azerbaijani or Russian** — useful in clinical rotations and daily life.

GOOD TO KNOW

Some **Azerbaijani/Russian** helps with **clinical rotations** and local patients — a useful investment.

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Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After acceptance and your visa, **register your residence, arrange housing, and set up insurance and banking**. Universities (e.g., AMU) provide dormitories with on-site facilities; living costs are moderate. Most students are based in **Baku**, a safe, cosmopolitan city.

BY THE NUMBERS

Residence + housing	Dorms	Based
first tasks	university-provided	in Baku

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **residence registration, housing (dorms available), insurance, banking** — and settle into cosmopolitan, student-friendly Baku.

GOOD TO KNOW

Universities like AMU provide **dormitories with on-site facilities** — convenient and affordable in Baku.

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Understand the Program Structure

WHAT TO KNOW

Medicine (**MD/MBBS) runs six years** and **Dentistry five years**, with **early clinical exposure, simulation labs, and hospital attachments**. The curriculum follows the **European Bologna framework**, supporting transparent credit cycles and further study.

BY THE NUMBERS

MD/MBBS	Dentistry	Simulation + clinical
6 years	5 years	early exposure

HOW TO HELP

Plan for the **6-year MD/MBBS (or 5-year Dentistry)** structure under the **Bologna framework**, and use the simulation labs and hospital attachments fully.

GOOD TO KNOW

Baku's medical schools emphasize **simulation labs and early clinical exposure** — strong practical preparation.

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Thrive & Practice After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

Your degree is typically **WDOMS-listed** and Bologna-aligned, but to practice you'll need to **pass the licensing exam of your target country** (e.g., USMLE for the US, FMGE/NExT for India). **Verify the WDOMS listing and any ECFMG sponsor note** for your school and graduation year — the crucial final step.

BY THE NUMBERS

WDOMS-listed	Licensing exam	Verify
+ Bologna	in your target country	listing & ECFMG note

HOW TO HELP

Plan early for your target country's **licensing exam**, and **verify the WDOMS listing and any ECFMG sponsor note** for your school and graduation year before committing.

WATCH OUT

Listing alone isn't universal recognition — **ECFMG sponsor notes and national licensing rules** matter, so verify carefully before you commit.

QUICK REFERENCE

Studying in Azerbaijan: The Essentials

A snapshot — recognition and licensing vary by country, so verify with the relevant medical council, your university, and the Azerbaijani mission.

The system

Azerbaijan Medical University (AMU, the main medical school, English-medium Medicine and Dentistry) and Khazar University's Medical Faculty; ADA University and Baku State University for broader English-taught study.

The visa

After accepting your offer, apply for a student visa via an Azerbaijani mission or the ASAN e-visa system (evisa.gov.az; ~3 days, ~$20); the visa requires a full-time program; then register your residence.

Tuition & scholarships

~$6,000–11,000/year for medicine (dentistry similar; preparatory year ~$5,000); confirm official university fees, not agent packages; government and university merit scholarships (25–100%).

Money & language

Show proof of funds, medical reports, and insurance; medical tracks are in English (proof required), with Azerbaijani/Russian useful for clinical rotations; Indian students must clear NEET.

Program & recognition

6-year MD/MBBS (5-year Dentistry) under the Bologna framework; degrees are typically WDOMS-listed, but practicing requires your target country's licensing exam — verify the listing and any ECFMG sponsor note.

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