



### 3. GLOSSARY

The territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is divided into two main categories - regions and settlements.

**A region** - a part of the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, including several settlements, formed and managed in the interests of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The regions are the region, district, rural district as the main links of the republican administrative-territorial structure.

**Settlement** - a part of the densely populated territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan, formed as a result of economic and other social activities of citizens, with a population of at least 50 people, recorded and registered in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Republic of Kazakhstan and managed by local representative and executive bodies. Settlements are divided into urban and rural.

**Urban settlements** - cities of republican, regional and district significance, settlements.

**Rural settlements** - all other settlements, regardless of their administrative subordination.

**Cities of republican significance** - settlements of special national importance or population of more than one million people.

**Cities of regional significance** - settlements that are large economic and cultural centers with a developed industrial and social infrastructure and a population of more than 50 thousand people.

**Cities of district significance** - settlements on the territory of which there are industrial enterprises, public utilities, state housing stock, a developed network of educational and healthcare organizations, cultural, educational and commercial facilities, with a population of at least 10 thousand people.

**District in the city** - a district in a city of regional significance, a city of republican significance, a capital with a population of over 400 thousand people.

**Settlement** - settlements with a population of at least 3 thousand people. Settlements are also equated with settlements located in areas of medical importance, with a population of at least 2 thousand people, of which the number of people who come annually for treatment and recreation is at least half. They also include holiday villages, which are places of summer recreation for citizens, in which at least 25 percent of the adult population is constantly engaged in agriculture.

**Villages** - Settlements with a population of at least 50 people.

### 4. USEFUL LINKS

1. [NK RK 11-2021 Classifier of administrative-territorial objects \(CATO\)](#)
2. [Law «On the administrative-territorial structure of the Republic of Kazakhstan»](#)

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