BORDER MANAGEMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

State policy-makers and implementers

The National Security Service of the Republic of Armenia (NSS) is the responsible body to elaborate of the border management policy.

1. **Border Guards Troops under the National Security Service** have a **Border Control Detachment** in charge of border management and control:
   - administers the passport check at the borders;
   - processes applications for asylum submitted on the borders;
   - prevents crime and illegal immigration;
   - manages the Border Management Information System (BMIS) database.

2. **Department of Passports and Visas** within the structure of the **Police** is responsible for visa issuance at the borders.

International organizations

1. **The IOM** implements the project “**Capacity Building for the Border Control Detachment of the Border Guards Troops under the Armenian National Security Service**” Project (January 2010 – June 2011) aimed at:
   - development of a curriculum for the Border Guards’ Training Center for regular continued trainings for the personnel of border guards and for the inception training of the new inductees; trained trainers in document examination, fraud detection, in combating migrant smuggling and human trafficking, in computer skills and BMIS operation, in migration and border control related legislation, including international; migration law, in asylum and in IBM.

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1 There are 14 border crossing control points in Armenia (the border with Azerbaijan is closed at present, as is the border with Turkey): 7 land borders checking points and 5 airports. Border guards subject to the National Security Service patrol Armenia's borders with Georgia and Azerbaijan, while Russian Federal Border Guards Troops in accordance with the “Treaty on Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance and the Declaration on the Collaboration towards the 21st Century” of December 29, 1991, continue to monitor Armenia’s borders with Turkey and Iran.


3 Official web page: [www.passportvisa.am](http://www.passportvisa.am)
- also organizes cognitive trips to European states for examination of their Border management capacities and policies.

2. The UNDP implements the project “Supporting to the Integrated Border Management Systems in the South Caucasus (SCIBM)” (January 2010 – July 2012) aimed at:

- to enhance inter-agency, bilateral and regional co-operation between the SC countries, EUMS and other international stakeholders;

- to facilitate the movement of persons and goods across borders while at the same time maintaining secure borders.

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