

10. PRESS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work in Türkiye as a press member for more than one year, must enter country on a press visa. You can apply for a press visa at the nearest Turkish mission to your residence. Press members, who will work in Türkiye less than a year, can enter on a tourist/business visa by visiting www.evisa.gov.tr. If not eligible for an e-visa, you are required to follow the steps listed

below.

Application Procedure:

1. Assemble the required documents listed below.
2. Start an online application on www.visa.gov.tr and upload the documents when prompted.
3. Print out and sign the application form.
4. After submitting the application successfully, schedule an appointment for the interview which will take place at the Consulate.
5. Be present at the Consulate on the day of the interview with the hard copies of all required documents listed below.

Required Documents:

1. National passport or official travel document and copy of your passport
 - a) USPS for your intended stay.
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa.
2. The application form
3. One recent passport photo - size (2" x 2")
4. Official letter from the press agency or related company indicating that you will be working as a press member
5. Employment letter or paystubs
 - a) If you are being sponsored, a letter describing the sponsorship must be submitted.
6. Hotel and flight reservations (These reservations do not need to be purchased yet)
 - a) A notarized invitation letter is required if you are going to be hosted.
7. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (for NON-US applicants only)
 - B1/B2 visa holders can only apply at their country of residence.
8. Proof of travel health/accident insurance, valid through duration of stay, including:

- a) minimum coverage of 30,000 Euros or equivalent USD
- b) transfer of the patient to nearest healthcare facility or residency address after discharge and transfer of body in case of death,

9. Most recent bank statement

10. Non-refundable visa fee

- Single Entry 60 \$ (185 \$ USA citizen)
- Multiple Entry 185 \$ (265\$ USA citizen)

Optional:

11. A pre-paid envelope (USPS mail carrier)

(Turkish Consulate General in Houston is not responsible for any delivery issues)

Important Notes:

- Visa applicants should be resident in our jurisdiction area (Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Meksiko, Oklahoma, Tennessee ve Teksas)
- Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview.
- In the event that neither Turkish nor English is spoken, every applicant is required to arrange for a translator to accompany them to their interview. Failure to do so will result in rescheduling the appointment with the stipulation that a translator must be present.
- Screenshots will not be accepted. Documents are requested in their original size.
- The documents such as travel insurance, flight and hotel reservations must contain the name and surname of the applicant/s.
- It is strongly advised for applicants to apply **at least one month(during summer season at least 3 month)** prior to their intended trip.
- In individual cases, the applicant may be required to provide additional documents which may delay the visa issuance.
- Turkish Consulate General in Houston **cannot expedite a visa application.**
- Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.
- For further questions you may contact with us from consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr