

16. APPLICATIONS TO LIFT ENTRY BAN DUE TO OVERSTAY

A citizen of a foreign country, who had an entry ban due to overstay and wishes to re-enter Türkiye, have to make an application in person at the Turkish Consulate General in Houston to lift the ban and to have a valid visa, by following the instructions on www.visa.gov.tr.

Required documents for application via Turkish Consulate General in Houston:

1. National passport or official travel document
 - a) with an expiration date at least 60 days beyond the “duration of stay” of their visa
*Example: In order to enter Türkiye having a visa with 30 days “duration of stay”, visa applicants should hold a passport valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 90 days (30 days + 60 days) of validity **at the time of entrance**.*
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa
2. One fully completed application form and its attachments (must be filled in on www.visa.gov.tr)
3. One recent passport - size (2” x 2”) photograph
4. Complete itinerary with flight information of the intended trip
5. Employment verification letter/bank statement
6. Proof of lodging (hotel reservations or **notarized** invitation letter with the full address indicated)
7. Petition, signed by the applicant and stating the reason of overstay/ban with the purpose of the applicant’s intended trip
8. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
9. Non-refundable visa fee*
10. Original and copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa. (*for NON-US applicants*)
 - a) US tourist visa (B1/B2) holders are not eligible to apply.
 - b) Valid I-20 or the letter from school, needed for the students
11. If you wish your visa issued passport to be returned by mail, a postage fee of 31 USD in cash or money order payable to the Turkish Consulate General in Houston or you may provide your own pre-paid return envelope.

*Non-refundable visa fee:

Visa fee can only be paid in cash or money order payable to the Turkish Consulate General in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.

Visa fee for US citizens with single entry: 160 USD

Visa fee with multiple entry: 190 USD

Visa fee for Non-US citizens: Please get into contact with the Turkish Consulate General in Houston via consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr.

Application method:

Applicants must apply in person. For in-person applications and interviews, applicants must have an appointment on www.visa.gov.tr.

Additional notes:

Turkish Consulate General in Houston is not responsible for documents lost in the mail or documents left unclaimed more than one week at the Consulate General after the outcome of the application.

In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional documents (such as a notarized written consent from both of the parents for those who are under 18 years old).

Please do not finalize your travel plans or arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa applications.

The procedure takes at least 4-5 weeks. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip.