

12. TRANSIT VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who has a transit in Türkiye and leaves the transit area / the airport during his/her trip, must have a transit visa.

You can apply for a transit visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on www.visa.gov.tr.

During trips with airlines, if the passenger does not go through passport and customs control; but have a connection flight at international terminal in **less than eight hours**, there is no need for a transit visa.

Required documents application:

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 travel itinerary with proof of transport to final destination

6. Visa or residence permit of country of final destination

7. Vehicle license information if your mean of travel is by car

7. Original and copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa (*for NON-US applicants only*)

- a) US tourist visa (B1/B2) holders are not eligible to get a visa.

- b) Valid I-20 or the letter from school, needed for the students

8. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay

9. Non-refundable visa fee*

10. 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.

Single transit: 60 USD

Double transit: 120 USD

Application method:

As a first step, all applicants are required to make their visa applications online via www.visa.gov.tr. In the second step, applicants must submit their documents in person.

Applicants are kindly asked to bring their appointment confirmation paper (indicating the reference number) along with the required documents.

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 employment verification letter/bank statement and proof of lodging).

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

The process takes at least 3 business days. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply one month prior to their intended trip.