

## 6. BUSINESS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to run business in Türkiye, may first obtain a business visa, depending on passport of his/her nationality. Please check the <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> for visa regulations.

You can apply for a business visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr).

### Required documents for 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](http://www.visa.gov.tr))
3. One recent passport - size (2” x 2”) photograph
4. Reference letter from American company (it has to include your contact information in Türkiye)
5. 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.
6. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
7. Non-refundable visa fee\*
8. 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 as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.

Single entry visa fee for US citizens: 160 USD

Multiple Entry visa fee for US citizens: 190 USD

Single and multiple Entry visa fee for other nationals: Please get into contact with the Turkish Consulate General in Houston via [consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr).

### Application method:

As a first step, all applicants are required to make their visa applications online via [www.visa.gov.tr](http://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](http://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 document regarding the operation/activity of the company, labor contract and invitation letter from Turkish company).

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.