

## 11. 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 first have a press visa. The press members can apply for a press visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr)

The press members who will stay in Türkiye temporarily do not need a press visa; instead they can apply for a tourist visa, if needed, according to their nationality.

Temporary staying press members can apply for a temporary press accreditation for a three-month-period (extendable for 3 more months) via Directorate General for Press and Information during their stay in Türkiye.

### 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. Employment verification letter or bank statement
  - a) If bank statement belongs to a sponsor, a statement which indicates the relation between applicant and the sponsor is required.
5. Proof of lodging
  - a) Hotel, rental and vacation home reservations
  - b) Invitation letter, if you stay with a relative/friend who lives in Türkiye.
6. Complete itinerary with flight information
  - a) In case of transit visa, proof of transport to final destination
7. Official permission letter from the press agency or related company explains that you will be working as a press member.
8. Original and copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa.
  - a) US tourist visa (B1/B2) holders are not eligible to get a visa.
9. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
10. Non-refundable visa fee\*
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.

Press visa with single entry for US citizens: 160 USD

Press visa with multiple entry for US citizens: 190 USD

Press visa with single and multiple entry 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.

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

**Important Notes:**

Applications for press visa applications take approximately 4-5 weeks. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip.