



U.S. Embassy & Consulates
in Turkey

Nonimmigrant Visas

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The U.S. Mission in Turkey has resumed processing non-immigrant visas on a limited basis.

Turkish citizens with valid visas may continue to travel to the United States. Turkish citizens are also welcome to apply for a nonimmigrant visa outside of Turkey whether or not they maintain a residence in that country. Please note that an applicant applying outside of Turkey will need to pay the application fee for services in that country, even if a fee has previously been paid for services in Turkey.

The U.S. Embassy in Ankara and the Consulate General in Istanbul offer Non Immigrant Visa interviews by appointment only. All visa applicants should follow instructions at www.usvisa-info.com to schedule an appointment.

***** Important Note:** We advise applicants not to make any travel arrangements before they physically receive their visas. ***

Questions Regarding the Re-Opening of Limited Visa Services

Q. Have non-immigrant visa (NIV) interviews in Turkey resumed?

A. We have resumed processing non-immigrant visas, but only on a limited basis. Therefore, a reduced number of appointments will be available.

Q. I already have an upcoming appointment for a visa. Do I need to make another appointment or take any other action?

A. If you already have an appointment for a future date, and you have not been notified that it was cancelled, you do not need to take further action. You may verify your appointment by logging into to our website at <https://ais.usvisa-info.com> (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com>). We look forward to seeing you on the interview date you previously selected.

Q. My appointment for a visa interview was cancelled. Can I reschedule my appointment?

A. Yes, if your appointment was cancelled, we invite you to please go back into the internet-based appointment system and choose any open date to schedule a new appointment. Here is the link: <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/tr-tr/niv>

Q. I have an upcoming visa appointment, but I would like to have an appointment on an earlier date. Can I do that?

A. First, check the calendar at the internet-based appointment system (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com/tr-tr/niv>) and see what is available. An earlier appointment may have opened since you last checked.

If earlier appointments are not available, and if you have urgent travel needs, you may qualify for an expedited appointment. To request an expedited appointment, you must log in to your profile at www.usvisa-info.com. Please click on Group Actions on the Appointment Summary Page, select Request Expedite, and explain in detail why you need an earlier appointment. A consular officer will review your request. If your request is approved, the officer will reschedule your appointment. You can see if your request was approved on the same website.

Q. I made a visa appointment outside of Turkey. What should I do now? Can I get a refund if I cancel this appointment?

A. If you have made an appointment for a visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside of Turkey, you can choose to keep that appointment or schedule a new appointment at either Embassy Ankara or Consulate General Istanbul. However, if you choose to now book a new appointment in Turkey, you will need to pay an application fee in Turkey; fees are not transferrable between countries, or refundable.

Q. What can I do if my request for an expedited appointment is denied?

A. You may apply for any type of non-immigrant visas at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate outside of Turkey, whether or not you maintain a residence in that country. Please note that an applicant applying outside of Turkey will need to pay the application fee for services in that country, even if a fee has previously been paid for services in Turkey. All fees are non-refundable. We recommend contacting the U.S. Embassy or Consulate first, to ensure they are accepting applications.

Q. I already have a valid non-immigrant visa; can I use it?

A. Yes, individuals with valid visas may continue to travel to the United States.

What types of non-immigrant visas are available?

- [\(B\) Business, Tourism, Medical Treatment](#)
- [\(C\) Transiting in the U.S](#)
- [\(F/M\) Academic or Language Student/Vocational or Non Academic Student](#)
- [\(J\) Exchange Visitor](#)
- [\(D\) Crew Member](#)
- [\(I\) Media and Journalists](#)
- [\(E1/E2/E3\) Treaty Trader/Treaty Investor](#)
- [\(H,L,O,P,Q,R\) Temporary Worker/Employment or Trainees](#)
- [\(A,G,NATO\) Diplomatic and Official Visas](#)

Do I need an appointment?

Applicants who meet the criteria below and would like to apply for B-1/B-2 or C-1/D visas might not have to appear in person for a visa interview. Such applicants have to create an account on usvisa-info.com page and pay the visa application fee. Following this, the system would guide applicants for personal appearance waiver.

Applicants under the age of 14

- One of the parents should have a valid U.S visa of the same type

Applicants over the age of 79

- Applicant must turn 80 by the time of application.

Returning applicants

Applicants who meet the criteria below and would like to renew their B-1/B-2 or C-1/D type visas do not need an in-person interview when they apply for a visa:

- Applicants must normally reside in Turkey with the exception of nationals, or dual nationals, of Cuba, Iraq, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen.
- Must have already provided 10-finger digital fingerprints at the Embassy in Ankara or at the Consulate in Istanbul (on or after May 1, 2007)
- The previous visa must be currently valid or have expired within the last 12 months
- Bio data must not have changed (name, place of birth and date of birth)
- Previous visa should not be lost or stolen
- Previous visa application should not have required administrative processing

What is the administrative processing system?

In some cases, consular officers need more time to work on the applications. We have an online system for applicants who require administrative processing.

You can check the status of your case by following these 2 steps:

1. Find your **DS-160** confirmation barcode (example: AA0025B45T) on your DS-160 confirmation page.
2. If you applied in Ankara, [click here](#) to check your status.
3. If you applied in Istanbul, [click here](#) to check your status.

When Your Administrative Processing is Complete

When your barcode number appears on the website as "**Completed**", Please send your passports and original documents such as I-20 (F, M student visas) or DS-2019 (J visa for student and Exchange visitor) to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ankara via **PTT** (Turkish Post). To send the documents **free of charge**, please sign in to your account at usvisa-info.com and print the **Courier-In Authorization Certificate** for each family member, if applicable. This will ensure that your documents are delivered from your PTT Branch to the U.S. Embassy **free of charge**. You may also contact the Visa Information Service at 0850 390 2884 (from Turkey) or (703) 520 2490 (from the U.S.) for this action.

Once you submit the required documents to PTT, it will take us at least 5-7 business days to process your visa application. Your documents will be ready for pickup at the PTT location that you have selected. Passports not claimed within 30 days of delivery to the selected PTT location will be returned to the Embassy.

Derivative family members of principle applicants will not be issued a visa before the principle applicant's visa is issued. For example: F2, J2, L2 and H4 visas will not be issued until the respective F1, J1, L1 and H1B visas have been issued.

How do I apply?



In order to get a visa appointment at Ankara or Istanbul visa sections, please follow the guidance on usvisa-info.com page. Below you can find the steps to follow to get an appointment online:

1. Complete your online [DS-160 form](#)
2. Please visit: usvisa-info.com
3. Click on **Create Account** on top right side of the screen. Create user account using the : Enter Primary applicant's PPT Number, Date of Birth & Nationality
4. View visa information and select your visa type according to your purpose of travel
5. Enter applicant(s) data information
6. Select courier delivery location
7. Select MRV Fee (Visa Application Fee) Payment method
8. Select date and time of appointment
9. Confirm date and time of appointment
10. Please review the required documentation before you appear for your interview. **You can find this information on the relevant visa category page.**

If you do not have internet access, you may also get an appointment by calling the Visa Information Service directly (Please make sure to complete your DS-160 Non-immigrant Visa Application before you call)

From Turkey: +90 (850) 390-2884 From the USA: +1 (703) 520-2490

Fulbright Scholars and Participants in Other U.S. Government Sponsored Programs

Applicants with Fulbright Scholarships or other scholarships sponsored by the U.S. Government cannot schedule their appointments through the regular appointment system as they are exempted from visa application fee. To request an appointment in **Ankara** please complete the [DS-160 electronic visa application form](#) first and send your appointment request from [here](#). We will schedule you for an interview and send you a confirmation e-mail. To request an appointment in **Istanbul** please kindly contact the U.S. Consulate General in Istanbul by [clicking here](#).

What are the supporting documents?



The following is a list of required documents:

- 1. Valid passport
- 2. [DS-160](#) – printed confirmation page only
- 3. One photo – if you were unable to upload your photo in your [DS-160](#) electronic application form. *****Please note: As of November 1st, 2016 photos with eyeglasses are not accepted.**
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- Limited additional supporting documents may be necessary depending on visa classification. See below for more details
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- In addition to the standard documents required for each visa type, the following documents are required for applicants under 14 using this special exemption:
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- Minor's ID copy
- Valid U.S visa of a parent
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Applicants older than 80 do not have any special documentation requirements other than what is required by the specific visa type, as noted on this visa information page. Please note that this does not apply to Iranian applicants.

Visitor (B1/B2) /Transit Visa (C)

- You may bring any documents you feel may support your application with you to the interview. However, please note that no documents are required for a B1/B2 visa, unless you are a university student.
- If you are currently a university student or have graduated in the past year, you must bring your official transcripts to your B1/B2 visa interview.

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Student Visas (F1, F2, M1, M2)

- I-20 Form generated by SEVIS issued by the school
- Official transcript -if currently enrolled in a university, or recently graduated
- CV, invitation letter, military card, research plan(**For Iranian nationals only**)

Exchange Visitor Visa (J1, J2)

- DS-2019 Form (Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor Status)
- DS-7002 Form (Training / Internship Placement Plan)
- CV, invitation letter, military card, research plan(**For Iranian nationals only**)

Members of a Crew (D, C1/D)

- A letter from employer on letter head stationary confirming employment with the company and the period of time in the United States
- Copy of work ID as issued by employer

Temporary Worker/Employment or Trainee (H,L,P,Q,R)

- For all petition based visa types, you should bring your original petition(Form I-129) with you.

Journalist (I)

- Copy of Press ID as issued by employer
- Letter from Employer: stating occupation, whether the position is permanent or temporary, purpose of travel, and length of stay

Please Read Carefully

The United States Immigration and Nationality Act requires that non-immigrant visa applicants in most categories can demonstrate sufficiently strong family, social and economic ties to their place of residences. Therefore, in addition to the above, the consular officer may ask to see supporting documents explaining the purpose of the trip and the applicant's situation in his/her place of residence. Applicants may choose to bring supporting documents that substantiate the purpose of the trip to the United States and the intention to return to the country of permanent residence after a temporary visit. You should be prepared to present evidence of your ties as necessary

Supporting documents to substantiate your ties may include some of the following documents:

Proof of employment such as employee identification card, letter of employment; proof of income such as salary statement, bank account/books; proof of ownership of a business or property; evidence of your company's overall financial status and/or tax liability; payroll records showing personnel employed, bank statements showing deposits and withdrawals; annual income/loss statements and net worth statements;. Please do not show your credit cards because we do not consider them as financial assets.

Applicants currently enrolled in a university, or recently graduated **MUST** bring their transcripts!

Third-country nationals must make sure that they have their birth certificates/ID card (shenasname for Iranian nationals), marriage certificates if applicable, and evidence of military service or military exemption for males 18 and over with them at the time of visa interview.

Applicants intending to travel for science – or technology-related purposes (such as conferences, training, research, equipment negotiation or purchase, etc.) should bring a copy of his/her CV or resume, complete list of publications, an invitation letter from the U.S. organization and any other documentation specifically related to his/her travel purpose.

Supporting documents for visa applicants travelling to the U.S. for medical purposes:

Medical Evaluation report from U.S. physician and/or procedures that are to be performed. Report should specify Appointment confirmation. Estimated treatment period and estimated treatment cost in the US. Physician, hospital and any additional providers (such as an anesthesiology group or a radiology group that will render services).

1. Proof of pre-payment for the procedures that are to be performed (such as original receipts from each of the billing medical providers).
2. Medical report stating diagnosis from applicant's physician in Turkey.
3. Financial documents demonstrating ability to pay for medical expenses.
4. For foreign officials, a report from the Board of Health or Ministry of Health and allowance proof.

Please provide original documents and English translations. However, presentation of such documents will not ensure the issuance of a visa. Approval of a visa application is ultimately determined by a consular officer in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act at the time of the interview.

How do I contact the Consular Section?

If you need to contact the U.S Embassy Consular Section in Ankara please click [here](#), for U.S Consulate General in Istanbul please click [here](#) and e-mail us your inquiry.

If you were asked to send your passport or document to non-immigrant visa unit please send it to the visa office where you had your interview:

U.S. Embassy Ankara

Consular Section – Non Immigrant Visa Unit
Ataturk Blv. 110 Kavaklıdere
Cankaya 06100
Ankara

U.S. Consulate General Istanbul

Consular Section – Non Immigrant Visa Unit
Ucsehitler Sokak No: 2
Istinye 34460
Istanbul

What is an expedited appointment?

To qualify for an expedited appointment, you must first schedule an appointment through the normal procedures, either by calling the call center at (850) 390 2884 or online, www.usvisa-info.com. Your travel to the United States must be urgent and unexpected. While requesting an earlier appointment you should describe briefly and precisely why your travel could not reasonably have been predicted in advance.

Frequently Asked Questions

You can reach non-immigrant visa related questions and answers by clicking [here](#).

Suggested for You



Statement from the U.S. Mission to Turkey on Re-opening of Limited Visa Services



Statement by Secretary Tillerson on the Occasion of Turkey's National Day

Additional Resources

[Fraud Prevention Unit](#)

[Legal Rights and Protections](#)

[Summer Work Travel](#)

[Fraud Prevention Warning](#)

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[Photo Requirements](#)

Report Visa Fraud, Terrorism, Human Trafficking, and Crime

To report a tip regarding visa fraud, terrorism, human trafficking, or other criminal activity, email HotlineTurkey@state.gov. Be as specific as possible. Please include the person's name, date of birth, and passport number. Individuals providing tips will remain anonymous.

Entry into the Consulates

Forbidden Items :

- NO Purses
- NO Laptops
- NO Cell/Mobile Phones (including iPhone & Blackberries)
- NO Handheld Tablets (iPad or similar) or E-Readers
- NO MP3 or similar music players (iPod or similar)
- NO USB sticks/flash memory devices
- NO Cameras or Camcorders
- NO Portable Game Devices
- NO Luggage, Bags or Backpacks
- NO Bottled Liquids (including perfume & drinks)
- NO Flammable Liquids or Lighters

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In addition to the list above, security may decide not to admit other unlisted items into the waiting area.

Amerika vizesi için online başvuru nasıl yapılır? - How to Apply for a U.S. Visa Online?



Government Agency Links

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[U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#)

[USA.gov](#)

[U.S. Department of State](#)

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