**VISA INFORMATION TO TURKEY**

**FOR CANADIAN CITIZENS**

Ordinary and official passport holders of Canada are required to have a visa to enter Turkey. The term "official passports" covers diplomatic, service, special and official passports.

**E-Visa Application**

If the purpose of the trip is pleasure or commerce, Canadian ordinary passport (blue colour) holders are eligible to obtain their entry visa online (e-Visa). This visa allows the holder to stay in Turkey **for 90 days within the last 180 days** and is valid for multiple entries during that period. It is a quicker and easier way for Canadian travelers to obtain tourist visa to Turkey. Applicants just need to go to the following web site [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr/), provide the requested information, and make online payment (after the application is approved) and print their e-Visa.

Please note that e-Visa is only valid when the purpose of travel is tourism or commerce. Other purposes, such as work, study and official visits require regular visa given by Embassies or Consulates.

Since the e-Visa application is operated by the relevant Turkish authorities, all kind of e-Visa issues should be directed to the e-Visa Call Center at +1 888 566 7656 and **not** to this Consulate General.

**Pre-Application System for Regular Visa Applications**

An entry visa can also be obtained from the Turkish Embassy in Ottawa or the Turkish Consulate General in Toronto **valid for 90 days within the last 180 days**.

As of January 5, 2016, all kinds of applications for Turkish visas will have to be made through the **Pre-Application System** online via [www.visa.gov.tr](https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Index) and applicants must obtain an appointment for an interview. Accordingly all visa applications to Turkish consular offices must be started and submitted thru this web portal. After having submitted and obtained an appointment, you are advised to be present at the Turkish consular office at least 5-10 minutes before the specified time. Take time before your visa appointment to ensure that you have all of the information required for the type of visa for which you are applying. Applicants who come unprepared may be turned away and may be required to reschedule their appointment.

If the interviewing consular officer informed you that your visa has been approved and your case does not require any additional administrative processing, your visa will be issued after 5 business days and will be turned over to you with a self-addressed prepaid return envelope from Canada Post, which you will have submitted during your interview. Applicants with inappropriate uploaded documents may be turned away and may be required to reschedule their appointment.

Appointments may be taken by the residency of the applicant to the appropriate Turkish missions listed below:

Visa applications of the residents of the provinces of Ontario (The National Capital Region and Eastern Ontario are exempted), Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and territories of Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut Island should be made to the **Turkish Consulate General in Toronto**.

Visa applications of the residents of the National Capital Region, Eastern Ontario (east of Kingston) and the provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island should be made to the Consular Section of the **Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Ottawa**.

**Initial Application Documents**

The following initial application documents are required from Canadian citizens if they choose to obtain their visas from the Consulate General in Toronto, prior to their departure.

• Biometric photo;

• Documents attesting to the income status of the applicant and inviting person, such as a bank letter, or bank statement (If you are not employed (student, housewife, etc.) provide proof of your spouse's or parent's employment and income);

• Flight reservation;

• Hotel Booking or Invitation (must be done by public notary include the name, address and telephone number of your host);

• Supporting document on the applicant's commitment to return (Land registry, business certificate, salary table, bank account statement)

• A valid medical insurance for the duration of your stay;

• A self-addressed prepaid return envelope from Canada Post (return envelopes from FedEx, DHL, UPS, Purolator and other courier companies are not accepted). Passports will only be returned by mail.

• Proof of applicants legal status in Canada such as Permanent Resident Card, work visa, study visa or any document (If you are a Canadian citizen, please add the first page of your passport);

• One fully completed application form and its attachments (must be filled in on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr));

• Passport (original) or travel document,

a) With an expiration date at least **60 days beyond the “duration of stay”** of the visa

(For more information please see note for Validity Requirements for Passportsbelow);

b) With a blank page to affix the visa;

• Fee: **CAD 81.00 (single entry)** / **CAD 270.00 (multiple entry**) cash or as a money order payable to “Turkish Consulate”. Personal cheques are not accepted and the fee is non-refundable;

**Validity Requirements for Passports**

Foreigners wishing to enter Turkey should carry a passport (travel document) with an expiration date at least **60 days beyond the “duration of stay”** of their visa, e-Visa, visa exemption, or residence permit.

**Example A:** In order to enter Turkey having a visa with 90 days “duration of stay”, foreigners should hold a travel document valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 150 days (90 days + 60 days) of validity at the time of entrance.

**Example B:** In order to enter Turkey having a visa with 30 days “duration of stay”, foreigners should hold a travel document valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 90 days (30 days + 60 days) of validity at the time of entrance.

**Process Time of Regular Visa Applications**

Due to the high volume of applications for Turkish visas, the Consulate General in Toronto is not in a position to provide a specific duration for visa processing. Therefore, we strongly suggest that you apply for visas, well before (e.g. one month) the planned visit to Turkey. Furthermore the Consulate General in Toronto is not able to process Turkish visas in less than 5 business days after intake of the visa application package (the day of the appointment).

**Expedited Process is Non-Existent at the Consul General in Toronto**

Since flight and hotel reservations (if applicable) are sufficient for visa applications, purchased flight tickets and hotel accommodations are not required. It is solely the responsibility of the applicant to purchase flight tickets, hotel accommodations or make other arrangements before obtaining a Turkish visa. Therefore acquire flight tickets and hotel accommodations beforehand does not guaranty to receive a Turkish visa within the desired time frame or to request an expedite process. It should be noticed that an expedite procedure is non-existent at the Consulate General in Toronto.

**Follow – Up Inquiries**

Please note that the Consulate General in Toronto is not able to accommodate any follow up requests and confirmation of receipts. If not otherwise noticed your visa will be processed by the Consulate General in Toronto after 5 business days starting from the day of intake of the visa application package (the day of the appointment). Accordingly applicants may calculate the approximately shipping or receiving day of their travel documents from the Consulate General. Please note that the above given time frame is only for orientation purpose and is subject to change without prior notice. **Example:** If the visa package was submitted on December 7, 2015 at the Consulate General. The travel document may shipped back on the December 14, 2015.

**Arrival in Turkey**

Please bear in mind that a possession of a visa does not automatically entitle the traveler to enter Turkey upon arrival at a port of entry and the final decision about your entry is up to immigration officers at the border. An officer at the port of entry will decide if you still meet the requirements for admission when you arrive. If there has been a change in circumstances between the dates of your application for a visa and your arrival in Turkey, or if subsequent information is given which was not originally available to the visa office, you may be refused entry.

Your visa is **valid for 90 days within the last 180 days** unless otherwise determined in your visa. Accordingly the officer at the port of entry will determine whether you meet these criteria to enter Turkey. If you overstay your visa, you might be asked to pay fines, deported or banned future travel to Turkey for a specific period of time.

**Supporting Documents Needed for Different Purposes of Travel**

Additional to the above mentioned initial documents the following is the list of supporting documents that you should be prepared to provide for different purposes of travel. Nevertheless the Consulate General in Toronto reserves the right to request other documents when needed.

**Canadian Official Passport Holders**

Canadian official passport holders **cannot** obtain an entry visa thru e-Visa; regular visa must be obtained from the Embassy or Consulate prior intended travel to Turkey. Canadian official passports are subject to visa fee if the intended trip is for pleasure. Addition to the initial documents following documents are needed:

[• Visa application form for Canadian official passport holders](https://disnet.mfa.gov.tr/InfoNotes/Detail/252367) (Must be submitted additionally to the online application form)

• A Note verbal or official assignment Letter.

**Studying in Turkey**

• (If applicable) Authorisation by Parents /Custodians, please see section below of “Children under the age of 18” (If you are older than 18 years of age, please just add the first page of your passport);

• Student Certificate /Acceptance Letter from the receiving organisation in Turkey;

• Income Statement / Sponsorship Letter (If your study is supported by your parents, include letters from their employers);

• Equivalence Statement (evidence of recent or previous academic performance).

**Information on Work Visa**

To work in Turkey, you must apply to the nearest Turkish mission to obtain a work/residence permit and entry visa. There are five steps to follow:

Step 1 – Submit your application and obtain an appointment online on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr).

Step 2 - After having submitted and obtained an appointment, you are advised to be present at the Turkish consular office at least 5-10 minutes before the specified time with the following documents. However work visa applicants are eligible to submit their application by mail. Accordingly if you prefer to submit your application by mail, you don’t need to be present personally. Either you apply in person or by mail, you still need to execute all steps indicated herewith.

• Passport (original) or travel document,

a) With an expiration date at least **60 days beyond the “duration of stay”** of the visa

(For more information please see note for Validity Requirements for Passportsabove);

b) With a blank page to affix the visa;

• Biometric photo;

• Contract, signed by both sides;

• A valid medical insurance for the duration of your stay (Not obligatory, however in order to proceed

please upload a copy of your contract);

• One fully completed application form and its attachments (must be filled in on [www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr));

• Fee: **CAD 106.00 CAD (work permit up to one year)** cash or as a money order payable to “Turkish Consulate”. Personal cheques are not accepted. Fee is non-refundable;

Step 3 – Work Permit Process at the Consulate General

• The Consulate General will processes your application in 5 business days and send you a 16 digit reference number. You will receive this reference number by e-mail;

• Send this reference number to your Employer;

• Your Employer shall submit an application to the Ministry of Labour and Social Security within 10 days. Do not exceed this time, since your reference number will expire and will be invalid after 10 days;

Step 4 – Work Permit Process at the Ministry

• The Ministry of Labour and Social Security will processes your application. This processes may take up to 6 weeks;

• Since this procedure is out of our control, there is no way to expedite your application. Thus do not send follow–up request as we are not able to reply.

Step 5 – Final Application at the Consulate General

• Once we notice the approval in our system, we will contact you to submit the following;

• Fee: **CAD 176.00 CAD (CAD 83.00 visa fee + CAD 93.00 residence permit)** cash or as a money order payable to “Turkish Consulate”. Personal cheques are not accepted. Fee is non-refundable

• A self-addressed prepaid return envelope from Canada Post (return envelopes from FedEx, DHL, UPS, Purolator and other courier companies are not accepted). Passports will only be returned by mail;

• Once you granted with the residence permit, you can enter into Turkey multiple times as long as your residence permit is valid and thus you don’t need an entry visa to Turkey.

**Inland Residence Permit Applications**

For those who have entered Turkey without having a residence permit and wish to stay more than their duration of stay of their visa are also able to apply for residence permit. Those applicants should submit their applications to the Ministry of Interior, Directorate General of Migration Management online thru e-Residence web portal (<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> ). Once you granted with the residence permit, you may enter into Turkey multiple times as long as your residence permit is valid and thus you don’t need an entry visa to Turkey.

**Transit Traveler**

Those traveler coming to a Turkish airport and not leaving the transit lounge at the airport are not required to have a transit visa. In order not to face any difficulties at your departing airport, please be sure that your airline company has notice of this regulation prior your travel.

**Cruise Passengers**

Those cruise passengers coming to a Turkish port of call by a cruise ship and thereafter leave Turkey by the same cruise ship for another country, are exempt from visa for a maximum period of 72 hours (with the permission given by the local security authorities). These passengers are not required to obtain an entry visa to Turkey.

**Children under the age of 18**

Children under the age of 18 travelling to Turkey without parents must have a notarized parental consent to travel from either both parents and their non-accompanying parent, as applicable.

**For further information about Turkish Visas please also visit the following web site at:**

[www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa](http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa)

[www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)

[www.visa.gov.tr](http://www.visa.gov.tr)

**For further information about Turkey please also visit the following web site at:**

<http://www.goturkey.com/>

<http://kids.mfa.gov.tr/>

<http://www.invest.gov.tr/en-US/Pages/Home.aspx>

<http://www.studyinturkey.gov.tr/>

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