INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

This document indicates the procedures that foreign students wishing to study in Turkey must complete as regards visas, entry into the country, and residence permits.

1. Before coming to Turkey (obtaining a visa)
   Foreign nationals must apply for a student visa at the Turkish consulate or embassy in their home country. The following documents are required for the visa application:
   a) Letter of acceptance from the institute of higher education to which the student has applied, or an equivalent document.
   b) Valid, long-term passport.
   c) Documentation of sufficient financial means for the period of studies in Turkey (bank statement, documentation of scholarship, etc.).
   d) Payment for visa fees; this fee differs for each country.
   e) The consulate or embassy may also require additional documentation.

2. After arrival in Turkey (obtaining a residence permit)
   After obtaining a student visa, students must enter the country through a recognized border crossing. Within 30 days of arriving in Turkey on a student visa, students must then apply to the local Foreign National Division of the Directorate of Police (Emniyet Müdürlüğü Yabancılar Şubesi) with the following documents to apply for a residence permit.
   a) Letter of acceptance from the institute of higher education to which the student has applied, or an equivalent document.
   b) Valid, long-term passport.
   c) Student visa issued by the embassy or consulate in the student’s home country.
   d) Documentation of sufficient financial support for the period of studies in Turkey (bank statement, documentation of scholarship, etc.).
   e) Payment for residence permit fee, the amount of which is stipulated each year in the Official Gazette.
   f) The Directorate of Police may also require additional documentation.

3. After obtaining a residence permit (notification of changes in status)
   a) Students who have been issued a student residence permit must then obtain a Foreign National Identity Number, which can be acquired from the website of the General Registry Directorate: https://tckimlik.nvi.gov.tr/AnonimSorgu.html
   b) Foreign students who wish to renew their residence permits must do so before the date of expiration indicated in the residence permit, or within 15 days following the date of expiration, by applying to the Foreign National Division of the Directorate of Police.
   c) Students must notify the Foreign National Division of the Directorate of Police within 15 days in the case of any of the following: completion of studies, expulsion from the institution of higher education, termination of studies, or discontinuation of studies due to absenteeism. Students are also required to notify the Foreign National Division of the Directorate of Police within 48 hours of a change in residence address.
   d) If a student’s residence permit is lost or damaged, the student must apply immediately to the Foreign National Division of the Directorate of Police for a replacement.