

Required documents to study in Türkiye

Last reviewed 16 October 2026. Requirements depend on your nationality, university, programme and circumstances, and embassies can ask for more. Items marked If Applicable or University-Specific are not needed by every student. Confirm with your university and the official sources before applying.

Required	Needed by every applicant on this route.
If Applicable	Only needed in some situations, for example your age, nationality, funding or course.
University-Specific	Depends on the university or programme you apply to.

University admission documents

- ☐ **Valid passport**
Required
The bio-data page, plus copies of previous visas if you have travelled before. Make sure it stays valid for the whole application and visa process.
- ☐ **Passport-size photographs**
Required
Recent photos taken against the size and background rules of the university or embassy you are applying to.
- ☐ **Matric / SSC certificate and transcript**
Required
Your secondary school results. Postgraduate applicants are often asked for their full academic history as well.
- ☐ **Intermediate / HSSC certificate and transcript**
Required
Your FSc, FA, ICS, ICom, A Level or equivalent results. Used to check you meet undergraduate entry requirements.
- ☐ **Bachelor's degree and complete transcript**
Required | Master's and PhD
Your degree certificate and the full mark sheet for every semester or year. Needed for master's and PhD applications.
- ☐ **English language proof**
Required
An IELTS, TOEFL, PTE or other test the university accepts. Some universities accept a Medium of Instruction (MOI) letter instead; check each programme.
- ☐ **Master's degree and transcript**
University-Specific | PhD
Most PhD programmes ask for a relevant master's degree. Some admit outstanding bachelor's graduates directly.
- ☐ **CV / Resume**
University-Specific
A short summary of your education, work and achievements. Commonly requested for postgraduate programmes.
- ☐ **Statement of Purpose (SOP) or personal statement**
University-Specific
A written statement explaining why you chose the course and university and how it fits your goals. It must be your own work.

- ☐ **Letters of Recommendation (LORs)**
University-Specific
Letters from teachers or employers who know your work. The number and format depend on the university.
- ☐ **Application form and fee receipt**
University-Specific
The completed online application and proof of any application fee paid.
- ☐ **Exam results (TR-YÖS, SAT or university exam)**
University-Specific
Many universities ask for TR-YÖS, SAT or their own entrance exam results. Requirements differ by university.
<https://www.studyinturkiye.gov.tr/>
- ☐ **Equivalence or recognition document**
University-Specific
Some universities ask for a recognition or equivalence document for foreign qualifications before final registration.
- ☐ **Research proposal**
If Applicable | Master's and PhD
An outline of the research you plan to do. Usually needed for PhD and research-based master's programmes.
- ☐ **Portfolio or work experience certificates**
If Applicable
Needed for creative subjects such as art, design or architecture, or for programmes that require professional experience.
- ☐ **Attestation, translations and legalisation**
If Applicable
Some universities and embassies ask for HEC degree attestation, IBCC equivalence, certified translations, notarisation or an apostille. Arrange these early as they take time.
<https://www.hec.gov.pk/>
- ☐ **Turkish language proof**
If Applicable
Needed for Turkish-taught programmes. Students without it can often join a one-year Turkish preparatory programme.

Student visa and immigration documents

- ☐ **Valid passport**
Required
Your original passport with enough validity for your stay.
<https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Index>
- ☐ **Visa application form**
Required
The student visa pre-application completed online, printed and signed.
<https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/Visa/Index>
- ☐ **Biometric photograph**
Required
A recent photo meeting the consulate's specifications.
- ☐ **University acceptance letter**
Required
The official acceptance or enrolment letter from your Turkish university. You can only apply for a student visa after receiving it.

- ☐ **Student residence permit (after arrival)**
Required
Stays longer than 90 days need a residence permit. Apply online through e-ikamet after arrival; your university usually explains its process and deadline.
<https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>
- ☐ **Proof of financial means or sponsorship**
If Applicable
Bank statements or sponsor documents, if the consulate asks for them.
- ☐ **Travel and health insurance**
If Applicable
Insurance cover for your journey and stay, if requested. Health insurance is also required later for your residence permit.
- ☐ **Accommodation details**
If Applicable
Dormitory confirmation or an address in Türkiye, if requested.
- ☐ **Notarised parental consent (under 18)**
If Applicable | Undergraduate
A consent letter from your parents if you are under 18.
- ☐ **Additional documents requested by the consulate**
If Applicable
The Turkish embassy or consulate can ask for further documents for individual applications.
<https://islamabad-be.mfa.gov.tr/>

Financial documents

- ☐ **Student's bank statement**
If Applicable
Statements showing funds for tuition and living costs. Some countries require the money to be in the student's own account.
- ☐ **Sponsor's bank statement**
If Applicable
If a parent or relative is paying, their statements, where the country accepts sponsored funds.
- ☐ **Sponsorship letter or affidavit**
If Applicable
A signed statement from your sponsor confirming they will pay, how much, and for how long.
- ☐ **Sponsor's passport or CNIC**
If Applicable
Identity document of the person sponsoring you.
- ☐ **Proof of relationship with sponsor**
If Applicable
For example a NADRA Family Registration Certificate (FRC) or birth certificate showing how you are related.
- ☐ **Sponsor's income documents**
If Applicable
Salary slips and an employment letter, or business registration documents if self-employed.
- ☐ **Tax returns or income certificate**
If Applicable
Recent tax returns or an income certificate, where the embassy asks for them.

☐ **Scholarship or education loan letter**

If Applicable

An official award or loan letter, where the destination accepts it as financial evidence.

☐ **Tuition fee deposit receipt**

If Applicable

Proof of any tuition already paid to the university.

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