

10. PRESS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work in Turkey as a press member **for more than one year**, must enter country on a press visa. You can apply for a press visa at the nearest Turkish mission to your residence.

Press members, who will work in Turkey less than a year, can enter on a tourist/business visa by visiting www.evisa.gov.tr. If not eligible for an e-visa, you are required to follow the steps listed below.

Application Method:

1. Assemble the required documents listed below.
2. Start an online application on www.visa.gov.tr and upload the documents when prompted.
3. Print out the application form. (*Requirement #2*)
4. After submitting the application successfully, schedule an appointment for the interview.

Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview as well.

Required documents:

1. National passport or official travel document
 - a) with an expiration date at least 60 days beyond the last day of your intended stay.
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa.
 2. The application form
 3. One recent passport photo - size (2" x 2")
 4. Official letter from the press agency or related company indicating that you will be working as a press member
 5. Employment letter or last 6 months bank account statements
 - a) If you are being sponsored, a letter describing the sponsorship must be submitted.
 6. Hotel and flight reservations (*These reservations do not need to be purchased yet*)
 - a) A notarized invitation letter is required if you are going to be hosted.
 7. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (*for NON-US applicants only*)
 - B1/B2 visa holders can only apply at their country of residence.
 8. Proof of travel health/accident insurance, valid through duration of stay, including:
 - a) minimum coverage of 30,000 Euros or equivalent USD
 - b) transfer of the patient to nearest healthcare facility or residency address after discharge and transfer of body in case of death,
 9. Non-refundable visa fee
 - Visa fees can only be paid in cash or as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in NY. Debit, credit and personal checks are not accepted.
Single entry visa fee: 160.00 USD
Multiple entry visa fee: 190.00 USD
 - You may e-mail us to find out the visa fee for non-US citizens.
- Optional:**
10. A pre-paid envelope (mail carrier of your choice) if you would like your visa-issued passport to be returned by mail. (*Turkish Consulate General in NY is not responsible for any delivery issues*)

Important Notes:

- Applications for press visa applications take approximately 4 weeks. It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip.
- Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.