

9. FILMING AND DOCUMENTARY VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to go to Turkey for the purpose of movie and documentary shooting should obtain a permit from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Directorate General of Cinema and the provincial Governorate. After having the permit, crew members can apply for a filming and documentary visa at the nearest Turkish mission to their residence.

Application Method:

1. Obtain your permit from [Directorate General of Cinema](#) of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and the provincial Governorate.
2. Assemble the required documents listed below.
3. Start an online application on www.visa.gov.tr and upload the documents when prompted.
4. Print out the application form. (*Requirement #2*)
5. 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.

- **Screenshots will not be accepted. Documents are requested in their original size.**
- **The documents such as travel insurance, flight and hotel reservations must contain the name and surname of the applicant.**

Required documents:

1. National passport and copy of the front page with photo.
 - 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. Employment letter or last 6 months bank account statements
 - a) If you are being sponsored, a letter describing the sponsorship must be submitted.
5. 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.
6. Official permission letter (permit)
7. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (*for NON-US applicants only*)
 - Valid I-20 or the letter from school is required for the student visa holders.
 - 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: 185.00 USD** for US citizens
 - **Multiple entry visa fee: 265.00 USD** for US citizens (*valid only for 6 months with a 90-day stay*)
 - You may e-mail us to find out the visa fee for non-US citizens.

Important notes:

- Visa processing may take up to 30 days after the interview. Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.
- Your visa can have 90-day stay max. If needed, you must apply for a residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> which will allow you to stay beyond that period.
- In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional documents.