

FOREIGN STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

This document is to inform about the entry, visa and residence permit processes to be completed by the foreign students to study at any level of higher education institutions.

1- The process to be completed abroad (Visa procedure)

The foreign students must apply to foreign agents of Turkey and get a student visa with the necessary documents.

- a) Acceptance letter or an equivalent document to be taken from the higher education institution to be studied
- b) Valid, long-term passport
- c) The documents indicating that the student can afford the educational cost in Turkey (bank account, scholarship document, etc.)
- d) Visa charge which is determined according to reciprocity and nationality
- e) The consulate may ask for some additional documents.

2- The process to be completed upon arrival to Turkey (Residence Procedures)

The foreigners who have a student visa must enter Turkey legally from the border gates which are open to international traffic. It is compulsory that the residence permit for foreigners must be applied and collected from the Police Department Foreigners Office of the city to be studied in not later than 30 days after arrival to Turkey with the documents below.

- a) Acceptance /Registration document or an equivalent document to be taken from the higher education institution
- b) Valid, long-term passport
- c) Student visa taken from Foreign agents of Turkey
- d) The documents indicating that the student can afford the educational cost in Turkey (bank account, scholarship document, etc.)
- e) Residence permit valuable papers fee which is published in the official Gazette at the beginning of each year
- f) Some additional documents may be required if necessary.

3- The process to be completed after receiving the residence permit (Notification Procedure)

- a) Foreign students who have received a residence permit for educational purpose, may learn about the foreign identification assignment process from the General Directorate of Civil Registration and Nationality ID number query webpage: <http://tckimlik.nvi.gov.tr/AnonimSorgu.html>.
- b) The foreign students may extend their residence permit by applying to Police Department Foreigners Offices before or fifteen days after the expiration of the period of their existing residence permits.
- c) In the event of a change of graduation, registration cancellation, expulsion from school, absenteeism etc., foreign students must notify the Police Department Foreigners Offices within 15 days whereas change of address must be informed within 48 hours.

- d) Obliteration on the residence permits is not appropriate and in the event of a loss of residence permit, the new one must be taken immediately by applying to Police Department Foreigners Offices.