

## 8. FILMING AND DOCUMENTARY VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to go to Türkiye 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](http://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.**

### Required documents:

1. National passport/ travel document and copy of your passport
  - a) Six-month validity for 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/paystub
  - 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. Most recent bank statement
10. Non-refundable visa fee
  - Visa fees can only be paid in cash or as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in LA. Debit, credit and personal checks are not accepted.  
**Single/Multiple entry visa fee:** please email the Consulate:  
[consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr)
11. A pre-paid envelope (USPS mail carrier) if you would like your visa-issued passport to be returned by mail. (*Turkish Consulate General in LA is not responsible for any delivery issues and the receipt of payment for shipping is required*)

### 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.