

14. SPORTS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work as a sportsman in Türkiye or to participate in a sports competition, must enter Türkiye on a sports visa.

Application Method:

1. Gather 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
 - 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. Contract, indicating association between the professional sports club and the applicant
5. Letter from the related sports federation in Turkey
6. Letter from the Ministry of Youth and Sports
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 for a sports visa in 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 LA. 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.
10. Most recent bank statement
11. **Optional:** A pre-paid envelope (mail carrier of your choice) if you would like your visa-issued passport to be returned by mail. (*The Consulate General is not responsible for any delivery issues*)

Important notes:

- Your sports visa will have 90-day stay only. If necessary, you must apply for a residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> which will allow you to stay beyond that period.
- It is strongly advised for applicants to apply at least one month prior to their intended trip and not to finalize their travel arrangements before having their visa.