# 9. PRESS VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to work in Türkiye 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 Türkiye less than a year, can enter on a tourist/business visa by visiting <u>www.evisa.gov.tr</u>. 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 <u>www.visa.gov.tr</u> 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.

# <u>Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview</u> <u>as well.</u>

### **Required documents:**

- 1. National passport or official travel document and copy of your passport
  - a) USPS 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. Official letter from the press agency or related company indicating that you will be working as a press member

- 5. Employment letter or paystubs
  - 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. 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 Visa entry visa fee:** please email the Consulate: consulate.losangeles@mfa.gov.tr

#### **Optional:**

11. A pre-paid envelope (USPS mail carrier) (Turkish Consulate General in LA 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 three months prior to their intended trip.
- Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.