

Information about the effects of the current travel restrictions for national visa applications of non-Turkish citizens in Turkey (as of 03.08.2021)

Travel restrictions for travel from third countries, impact on visa procedures

Travel restrictions remain in force for travel from Turkey for the time being. They are however reviewed on a regular basis.

The visa process is therefore currently restricted. There are a number of visa categories (i.e. family reunion, studies, most types of work visa) that are exempt from the restrictions. For the detailed list, please see the information here:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html>

Visa can be applied for and granted for these categories. For other categories, please see the information for vaccinated persons below.

Effective from 25 June 2021: Exemptions for vaccinated persons

Travelling to Germany from Turkey for all visa categories is possible again since 25 June 2021 under certain conditions for people who are fully vaccinated against Covid 19. This applies to individuals who have been vaccinated with one of the vaccines listed on the website of the Paul Ehrlich Institute: <https://www.pei.de/impfstoffe/covid-19> if at least 14 days have passed since the last necessary dose has been administered.

Please find detailed information in English regarding the conditions for vaccinations to be accepted here: <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/travel-restrictions-border-control/IV-restrictions-applying-to-air-and-sea-travel-outside-of-europe/what-rules-apply-for-fully-vaccinated-people.html>

Regarding appointment booking for Istanbul, please refer to the information on our general information sheet for national visa as non-Turkish citizen in Turkey:

<https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

Please note that the Embassy in Ankara is temporarily making appointments for non-Turkish citizens only upon request at the following e-mail address: visa-drittstaater@anka.auswaertiges-amt.de. Please attach your passport and Turkish residence permit to your appointment request.

Please be aware that due to the corona situation the visa sections are still operating with a reduced capacity. We can therefore offer only limited capacities for new appointments for the time being. You can however register with iDATA.

Information on entry regulations to Germany

Travelers entering Germany from third countries such as Turkey should keep themselves informed about the entry and quarantine regulations in place at the time of their travel!

Please be aware that due to the corona situation travel restrictions can be re-imposed / re-enforced at all times depending on the situational development.

The decision on entry at the EU external border (and, if applicable, the respective internal borders on the route to Germany) is made exclusively by the respective border authorities. This also applies for holders of a valid visa granted by the German missions abroad. Please check the current travel restrictions before booking a flight. The visa section cannot overrule a negative decision of the border authority nor can the visa section issue any “certificates” or “travel passes”.

Travelers to Germany have to register online prior to their entry on the website www.einreiseanmeldung.de if they have stayed in a risk area within the last 20 days prior to their entry to Germany. Also, they must be able to present proof of this registration when entering Germany.

An overview over current risk areas can be found here:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Transport/Archiv_Risiko_gebiete/EN-Tab.html

You can find a short summary of all measures in several languages as well as additional information on the registration on the website of the Federal Ministry of Health in German and English here:

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/info-sheet.html>

For detailed information, please check the website of the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community:

<https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/faqs/EN/topics/civil-protection/coronavirus/coronavirus-faqs.html>

Please also consult the regulations of the Federal State you will be travelling to.

Please check the availability of flights between Turkey and Germany as well as the current regulations of the Turkish authorities regarding exiting Turkey.