



Necessary documents for applying for a long-term (national) visa for self-employment for periods of more than 90 days for non-Turkish citizens; also contains information for the visa applications of family members (last updated: August 2021)

Please print out this information sheet, cross off the documents you have prepared and bring the information sheet with you to your application.

How and where do I apply for the visa?

You can find all information on that in the general information sheet on national visa on the homepage of the German foreign missions in Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

How does the application procedure work?

Please come on time and in person to your appointment. Each family member applying for a visa must be there in person. Please bring all your documents with you. The staff at the visa section will accept your application documents and the fee, ask you questions about the planned stay and record your fingerprints. The staff speaks Turkish, Arabic, German or English. If you do not speak any of these languages very well, you must bring an interpreter with you. Please note that close family members (spouse, children) are not accepted as interpreters.

What documents do I need?

- 2 x completely filled in application forms: You can print out the application form here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node?openAccordionId=item-231156-6-panel>
Alternatively you can use an online form and print it out from here: <https://videx-national.diplo.de/>
From the age of 18, you sign the form yourself; in the case of children, the parent or legal guardian sign it.
- Visa fee: You pay the visa fee at the visa section in cash. Change cannot be given. The fee is usually 75,00 Euro; for children from 0 to 17 years: usually 40,00 Euro.
- Valid passport and 2 copies of the passport data page(s) (page with your photo and validity dates) for each family member
- Two passport photos for each applicant: The photos must be biometric and not older than 6 months. They must be 35 x 45 millimetres. You can find more information on biometric photos here: <https://www.bmi.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/DE/veroeffentlichungen/themen/moderne-verwaltung/ausweise/fotomustertafel.html>

Please also bring the documents listed below (original version and 2 copies). Please ensure the copies are legible.

Please bring German translations of all foreign language documents. Only English language documents do not need to be translated.

Please note that foreign documents must be presented in the form required by the country in which the document was drawn up, e.g. legalized. You will find detailed information on this in the general information sheet on national visa on the homepage of the German foreign missions in Turkey: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>

Documents from German authorities will be accepted without further formality.

Turkish documents are accepted without further formality if they are presented in the international form (e.g. Formül B for marriage certificates, Formül A for birth certificates).

For the person who wants to become self-employed in Germany:

- Curriculum vitae about the previous professional career with certificates, diplomas, current employment contract
- Qualification certificates (e.g. school and university degrees, job references, certificates of additional qualifications, extracts from the commercial register in the case of previous self-employment, proof of foreign language skills, etc.)
- Business plan in German language, i.e. structured and detailed description of the business idea with the following information
 - Business concept
 - Business purpose
 - Company data (including legal form, location)
 - Description of the personal qualification
 - Market and competition analysis
 - Marketing strategy
 - Description of the future prospects
 - Planned balance sheet
 - Plan-GUV (profit and loss account)
 - Liquidity forecast
 - Sales and earnings forecast over 3 years (sales, cost and profit forecast)
 - additional information on the number of jobs or training places expected to be created
 - If possible, an explanation of the extent to which innovation and research are positively influenced by the project
- Regarding the company:
 - Notarial deed of foundation of the company
 - Notarized articles of association
 - Current extract from the commercial register (“Handelsregister”)
 - List of shareholders
 - Proof of the amount of the share capital already paid up
 - Managing director contract, if applicable

- If not already included in the business plan: Proof of financing, i.e.:
 - Financial plan
 - Capital requirement plan
 - Proof of capital (investment funds with corresponding receipts - such as loan commitments, bank statements etc.)
 - Liquidity plan
 - Proof of livelihood for at least 1 year

- Further documents (depending on the case constellation), e.g.:
 - Proof of already existing business contacts
 - Rental or purchase agreements including an extract from the land register for commercial premises, storage and office space
 - Economic evaluation of the last 6 months signed by the tax consultant (if the company is already active)
 - Last income tax assessment of the tax office

- If applicable: Extract from the civil status register of your home country

For your spouse:

- Marriage certificate
 - If applicable: Extract from the civil status register of the home country
 - For previous marriages that were dissolved by divorce: Complete divorce decree of the last marriage of both spouses with a legal force note; if applicable, recognition for the German legal system;
 - If a former spouse has passed away: death certificate of former spouse
 - Proof of basic knowledge of the German language, at least level A1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. A1 language certificate must be issued by a certified provider. In Turkey these are the Goethe-Institut "Start Deutsch 1" (www.goethe.de) and the Austrian Language Diploma (ÖSD) "Grundstufe Deutsch 1" (www.osd.at). The original language certificate must be presented.
- In the following exceptional cases you do not need an A1 language certificate. However, the exceptional cases must be proven by appropriate documents (e.g. medical certificates):
- If your spouse's knowledge of German is obvious, i.e. can be seen immediately when applying at the visa section
 - If your spouse has a university degree with a positive employment and integration prognosis, or if your spouse only wants to follow to Germany temporarily, or if a residence title is not granted for the first time in accordance with the Residence Act
 - If the spouse is not able to prove simple knowledge of the German language due to a physical, mental or psychological illness or disability.



- If it is not possible or unreasonable for the spouse joining the country due to special circumstances of the individual case to make efforts to acquire a basic knowledge of the German language before entering the country
- Health insurance until admission to the family insurance

For your minor children:

- Birth certificate
- If applicable: court decision on custody (e.g. in divorce decree)
- If a parent with joint custody remains abroad: notarized declaration of consent to the child's permanent residence in Germany with translation into German
- Health insurance until admission to the family insurance

The submission of complete documents does not constitute a claim to the issue of a visa, but enables the visa office to check the legal requirements. In individual cases, further documents not mentioned on the information sheets may also be required. You will be informed about this after the application has been submitted and will be given a reasonable period of time to submit them.

Detailed information on the procedure, in particular on the further course of the procedure, the regular processing times and the form of the documents to be submitted can be found on the detailed information sheet for national visa applications by non-Turkish nationals on our website: <https://tuerkei.diplo.de/tr-de/service/05-VisaEinreise/-/2170670>