

HELPER MATERIAL: Student Residence Permit in Turkey – Document Checklist

Securing your Student Residence Permit in Turkey is a crucial step for international students. This checklist provides a clear overview of the essential documents required for your application as of 2026. Please ensure all documents are accurate and complete to avoid delays.

#	Document	Where to Get	Requirements	Notes
1	Residence Permit Application Form	Online via e-Residence System (Directorate General of Migration Management website)	Completed online; includes unique application number.	N1: You must complete this form and print it for your appointment.
2	Valid Passport or Travel Document	Your country's issuing authority	Original and photocopy of data page, visa page (if applicable), and stamp pages. Must be valid for at least 60 days longer than the requested permit duration.	N2: For example, if you are applying for a 1-year permit, your passport should be valid for a minimum of 1 year and 60 days.
3	Biometric Photographs	Professional photo studio	Four (4) recent biometric photographs. Must meet specific dimensions (e.g., 50x60mm) and have a white background.	N3: These photos must be less than 6 months old and adhere strictly to official guidelines to prevent application rejection.
4	Proof of Enrollment	Your university or educational institution	Original student certificate (öğrenci belgesi) confirming your active enrollment, specific program, and expected graduation date.	N4: While an acceptance letter may suffice for an initial application, a formal student certificate is generally preferred.
5	Proof of Financial Means	Your bank, scholarship provider, or parent/guardian	Original bank statement in your name showing sufficient funds (approximately \$500 USD per month for duration of stay), OR an official scholarship letter, OR a notarized undertaking from a parent/guardian with their bank statements.	N5: Ensure the funds are clearly accessible and sufficient for your living expenses in Turkey.
6	Proof of Residence	University, landlord, or host	Original dormitory placement letter, OR a notarized rental agreement (lease contract), OR a notarized declaration of undertaking from a Turkish	N6: This document must clearly state your residential address in Turkey for the duration of your intended stay.

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			citizen host (accompanied by their utility bills and proof of property ownership), OR a hotel reservation for initial stay.	
7	Health Insurance	Turkish social security system (SGK) or private insurance provider	Original policy document or SGK registration. Must be valid for the entire duration of the requested residence permit.	N7: It is mandatory to have valid health insurance. Ensure the coverage dates precisely match your permit request.
8	Turkish Tax Number (Vergi Numarası)	Turkish Revenue Administration website (ivd.gib.gov.tr)	Printout of the tax number document obtained online.	N8: While not strictly part of the residence permit application documents, this number is essential for tasks like opening a bank account or signing contracts. Obtain it before your appointment.


Tips for a Smooth Application Process

1. T1: Always check the official website of the Directorate General of Migration Management (Göç İdaresi Genel Müdürlüğü) for the most current and detailed document list before preparing your application.
2. T2: Double-check the validity of your passport and ensure your biometric photographs strictly adhere to official specifications to avoid unnecessary delays.
3. T3: Organize all your documents meticulously in a folder, bringing both originals and clear photocopies to your appointment.
4. T4: Make sure all dates on your documents (passport validity, insurance coverage, proof of enrollment) align perfectly with the duration of the residence permit you are requesting.

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