

## COUNTRY FACT SHEET

### TURKEY

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

### **1. Measures to be undertaken before the return**

The returnee should inform about

- the latest changes in the law
- the most recent regulations
- which certificates or official documents they should have
- how to find a temporary accommodation
- whether vaccinations are necessary

at the nearest Turkish Consulates or attaches.

### **2. Measures to be undertaken immediately after the return**

The returnee should

- consult the nearest SGK office (Social Security Office) in order to register and apply for health insurance, social welfare etc.
- submit ID card
- submit documents regarding return taken from the Turkish Consulates and German authorities

## **II. HEALTH CARE**

### **1. Health care system**

- The health care system in Turkey includes both private and public practices and facilities.
- If registered with Social Security Institution (SGK) treatment in public hospitals is free of charge.
- Private hospitals are expensive; private insurances can cover such expenses.
- No specific procedure applies for a returnee to register with the system.
- If registered with SGK, children of beneficiary are automatically registered.

### **2. Availability of medical care and treatment**

- The Institution of Social Services and Protection of Children meets the needs of groups that have special needs (families, children, unattended old people with critical diseases, mental disorders) as well as economic and social deficiencies.
- Contact:  
**Turkey Public Hospitals Association**  
Tel: 0312 705 10 00; Fax: 0312 341 10 63

### **3. Availability and costs of medication**

- There are many pharmacies (Eczane), all over Turkey especially near hospitals but also in every neighborhood.

- Certain drugs are sold with green or red prescriptions permitting the Ministry to control sale.
  - Many drugs are sold over the counter (OTC) without the need of a prescription.
- For costs of medication, follow this link: <http://www.ilacrehberi.com/ilac-fiyatlari/>

### III. EMPLOYMENT

#### 1. Labor market situation

Three features stand out in contemporary Turkey's economic climate:

- low labor force participation rate
- limited job creation capacity of the economy despite high growth rates especially in the aftermath of the economic crisis in 2001
- transformation in the economy and consequently in employment away from agriculture towards construction

#### 2. Ways/assistance to find employment

The Central Employment Office takes job applications and provides assistance to Turkish Nationals in search of employment. This institution has branches countrywide. For further information: <http://www.iskur.gov.tr>

Employment offices:

- **Main Office:** Atatürk Bulvarı No:133 Kızılay/ Ankara  
Tel:0-312- 425 06 86
- **İstanbul City Office:** Lüleci Hendek Cad. No:4 Tophane/İstanbul  
Tel: 0-212- 249 29 87 / 3 lines  
Fax: 0-212 249 08 61
- **İzmir City Office:** 1362 Sok. No:29 Çankaya /İzmir  
Tel:0-232- 441 11 03 - 441 18 85  
Fax : 0-232 441 10 41
- **Bursa City Office:** Ataturk Cad. No:104 Bursa  
Tel: 224 222 4325  
Fax: 224 222 4328

#### 3. Unemployment assistance

- Available in Turkey for all workers, including the ones in agriculture, forestry and services, in private and public sector.
- Independent professionals who are not affiliated with an employer are not eligible.
- Preconditions: beneficiary worked fulltime and received a regular salary, average amount of the unemployment benefits cannot exceed the net minimum salary
- Application: to the Turkish Employment Office (İŞKUR) Directorates within 30 days of losing a job, ID card and a letter of termination from the employer required
- Benefits:  
People who have paid premium for 600 days will be paid unemployment subsidy for 180 days.  
People who have paid premium for 900 days will be paid unemployment subsidy for 240 days.  
People who have paid premium for 1080 days will be paid unemployment subsidy for 300 days.

#### 4. Further education possibilities, vocational trainings

- The Turkish Employment Office offers training seminars and courses as below:
  - Labor Training Courses (Employment Guaranteed)
  - Job Acquisition Courses for Those Wishing to be Self-Employed
  - Job Development Courses
  - Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Activities for the Disabled
  - Studies for the Vocational Training of Convicts
  - Training Given to Those Under Unemployment Insurance
- Mesleki Egitim ve Kucuk Sanayii Destekleme Vakfi (MEKSA) is a private Vocational Training foundation with branches throughout Turkey, offering a wide variety of training opportunities.
- Contact:
  - Ministry of Education, General Directorate for Vocational Education Teknikokullar – Ankara; Tel: 312 212 99 56/57; e-mail: [cygm@meb.gov.tr](mailto:cygm@meb.gov.tr)
  - MEKSA: Cinnah Cad. 9/10 06634 Cankaya /Ankara; Tel: 312. 468 15 25; Fax: 468 58 97; Email: [meksa@tr.net](mailto:meksa@tr.net); URL: [www.meksa.org.tr](http://www.meksa.org.tr)
- List of Vocational Schools Affiliated with İŞKUR:  
<http://esube.iskur.gov.tr/Kurs/KursOnAir.aspx?ProgramTur=1>

## IV HOUSING

### 1. Housing situation

The following table gives an overview on the housing situation in Turkey.

	For Sale m <sup>2</sup> (TL)		For rent m <sup>2</sup> (TL)	
	June 2015	Annual Change	June 2015	Annual Change
<a href="#">İstanbul</a>	3.162	12 ↑	20	10 ↑
<a href="#">Ankara</a>	1.517	8 ↑	9	10 ↑
<a href="#">İzmir</a>	1.911	11 ↑	9	10 ↑
<a href="#">Antalya</a>	1.559	14 ↑	8	15 ↑
<a href="#">Bursa</a>	1.234	8 ↑	6,5	5 ↑

The table shows that a 100 m<sup>2</sup> house can be rented for 2000 TL in İstanbul, 900 TL in Ankara and İzmir, 800 TL in Antalya and 650 TL in Bursa.

### 2. Ways to find accommodation

One can find accommodation either through newspaper ads, estate agents or friends. Using the services of a real estate agency is most efficient. Most of the larger agencies are professional and have experience dealing with customers' specific needs.

### 3. Financial support or social grants for housing

A majority of the banks in Turkey offers loans for housing, with repayment patterns varying from 5 to 10 years.

TOKİ, a governmental construction institution, also offers loans at more reasonable rates than banks (<http://www.toki.gov.tr/en/index.html>)

## V. SOCIAL WELFARE

### 1. Preconditions for obtaining social welfare allowances

- Payment of premiums for 180 days, 60 of which having been paid prior to the time the disease was diagnosed
- Visitation document, health legislation document, ID card required

### 2. Child allowance

Child allowance is available in Turkey. Please consider the table below.

	Computation	Total (TL)	
		January-June 2015	July-December 2015
0-6 age group	500 x Monthly coefficient	39,65 TL	41,54 TL
Other children	250 x Monthly coefficient	19,83 TL	20,77 TL

For more information: <https://www.vergiportali.com/KContent.aspx?id=509>

### 3. Pension system

- **Eligibility:**
  - Turkish citizens above 18 years old
  - expatriates who can document their work abroad (which could include 1 year of unemployment)
  - female spouses can benefit from a pension provided that they have paid their premiums to SSK, Bağ-kur or Emekli Sandığı in foreign currency for whole or part of the stay abroad
- **Preconditions for obtaining a pension**
  - register with the social security institution SGK
  - housewives register with Bağ-kur
  - apply to the social security institution to which they have paid their premium within two years of their arrival
  - premiums paid abroad can be transferred to Turkey and paid back in Turkish Liras calculated at the exchange rate at the time of the transfer.
- **Required personal documents** to be submitted to the provincial Insurance Directorate:
  - petition
  - certified copy of national ID card

- letter of declaration and commitment
- receipt confirming payment
- 2 photos

#### **4. Vulnerable persons**

A regular monthly payment is made to persons older than 65 years, to disabled persons over 18 years and to persons who have relatives under 18 years with a disability, whom they are legally bound to look after.

Required documents:

- application form
- health report by a board of experts
- 3 photos
- document justifying disability to be submitted to the Provincial Finance Office

Widowed and orphans:

- immediate family of the insured who died after retirement and / or who served for 10 years or more are entitled to widowed or orphan assistance
- if deceased served for more than 5 years, his / her children under 18 years, children at secondary school under 20 years and children at higher education under 25 years are entitled to orphan assistance

For more information: [www.sgk.gov.tr](http://www.sgk.gov.tr)

## **VI. EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

### **1. Educational system and infrastructure**

In the years 2012-2013 a new system called 4+4+4 was introduced in Turkey. Changes of the system announced by the Ministry have not been made yet.

### **2. Equivalence procedure for secondary education**

- The equivalence procedure applies to those who have had total or partial secondary education abroad.
- The equivalence for primary school is decided by the primary school administrations. Requests for this equivalence can be made at the Ministry of National Education ([www.meb.gov.tr](http://www.meb.gov.tr)) or Consulates abroad. Needed documents:
  - justification that the student has studied abroad for the past two years (attendance records) or a relevant diploma
  - for "lycees", the last three years attendance records or relevant diploma
  - for a vocational lycee, attendance records from the vocational training school abroad, relevant diploma or attendance records of the school completed prior to vocational training
- The equivalence for Bachelor's degree, postgraduate and undergraduate students are decided by YÖK upon presentation of the following documents:

- original of the lycee attendance records or graduation certificate, alternatively a certified copy
  - original of the lycee equivalence document requested from the Consulates abroad and/or from the Ministry of National Education in Turkey
  - original of the Bachelor's degree diploma or the relevant documents pertaining to postgraduate and/or undergraduate studies, or a certified Turkish translation of these documents by Turkish Embassies abroad or by the notary
  - original or certified copy of diplomas obtained abroad
  - photocopy of the ID card
  - certified copy of the passport including the pages indicating the dates of entry and exit
  - letter stating the reasons for asking for an equivalence
  - envelope size 26x35cm
- The equivalence application forms can be obtained at:
    - The General Documents Unit, YÖK Bilkent / Ankara, or
    - By mail addressed to the Directorate of YÖK, 06539 Bilkent / Ankara
  - For further information:
 

Tel:	+ 90.312.298.7142; Fax: + 90.312.266.5060
E-mail:	denklik@yok.gov.tr
Address:	Yükseköğretim Kurulu Başkanlığı; 06539 Bilkent / ANKARA

### **3. Approval and verification of foreign diplomas (higher education)**

Applications for diploma equivalence can be made to the Higher Education Board in person or via mail. Applicants for diploma equivalence must include in their documents:

- photocopy of the national ID
- the original or a certified copy of the previous school's diploma
- the original of the diploma
- translated version of the diploma
- official transcript and the original of the Diploma supplement (the latter taken in one of the member countries of the EU)
- translated version of the official transcript

### **4. Loans**

Loans are provided by the Institution of Loans and Dormitories. The amount was 300 TL for the 2014-2015 educational year. This loan has to be paid after education period. It is durable goods indexed. Besides, many institutions, private or governmental, offer loans on a yearly basis.

## VII. CONTACT INFORMATION AND USEFUL LINKS

### Contact Information for Turkish Consuls and Attaches

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