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A student visa is required to register as a student in Turkey . Exceptions are those who are legal dependents of someone in Turkey on a diplomatic visa or with a work visa. Students who come to Turkey without a student visa will not be able to register as a student nor will get a residence permit.

Student visa must be obtained from a Turkish Consulate; it cannot be obtained within Turkey .

The International Office sends a Letter of Acceptance for visa to applicants who are accepted to Maltepe University as an exchange student.

Once they arrive, all international students in Turkey, regardless of status, must register with, and obtain, a Residence Permit from the Bureau of Foreign Residence Registration at the provincial Directorate of Security within a month.

Students enrolled in a degree program are usually given residence permits that are valid for one year. Exchange students are given residence permits for the period of time they will be studying at maltepe University as indicated on the student visa. Students can extend their residence permit if they extend their enrollment.

The International Office helps international students for getting residence permit.

A student visa is required to register as a student in Turkey. Student visas must be obtained from a Turkish Consulate or Turkish Embassy, generally the one nearest your residence. Student visas cannot be obtained within Turkey. You must take, or mail, a copy of your "Letter of Acceptance" from the school you are going to attend in Turkey and a completed visa application form to the Turkish Consulate. They will provide you with an application form upon request. Student visa for Polish Citizens is free of charge. We will send you a "Letter of Acceptance" at least 2 weeks before your departure to Turkey. It takes around six hours from the time you submit your application until you receive your visa. When you receive your visa, check to be sure that it is a "student visa" and if all the personal data is correct. Although a time limit will be stamped on your visa, the student visa will be valid as long as you are enrolled in school.

All international students in Turkey, regardless of status, must register with, and obtain, a Residence Permit (ikamet tezkeresi) from the Bureau of Foreign Residence Registration (Yabancılar Bürosu) at Istanbul Directorate of Security (Istanbul Emniyet Müdürlüğü - Aksaray) within one month of entering Turkey. You can be required at any time to show your Residence Permit.

To apply for Ikamet (Residence Permit) you will need:

- "Petition", "Certificate of education" and "Scholarship document" provided by our Office
- Application form - will be filled at the Directorate
- Passports photocopy of the page with photo
- Passport photocopy of the page that has last entry stamp on
- 5 passport size photos
- 135 YTL fee

Then you will be given a receipt indicating the date you can pick up your passport and residence permit booklet. It usually takes 2-3 days. You are the only one who can pick up the documents. Usually exchange students are assisted by the Office Coordinator when applying for Ikamet.
