

WORKING PERMIT

Students:

Your residence permit does not give you the right to work in Turkey. You must have an official work permit to work in Turkey. Individuals cannot apply for a work permit individually. The institution/company you will be working for must apply for a work permit for you; that is, after you first find a job in Turkey, the institution or company must apply for a work permit for you.

Undergraduate students can only get a work permit after they complete their first year at university.

Undergraduate students can only get a work permit for part-time jobs.

Undergraduate students can only get a work permit for jobs outside the university/campus.

Postgraduate students can get a work permit starting from their first year at university.

Postgraduate students can get a work permit for both full-time and part-time jobs.

Postgraduate students can only get a work permit for jobs outside the university/campus.

Once you have received a work permit in Turkey, this permit is also considered a residence permit and you do not need to apply for a residence permit until the expiration date of your work permit.

If it is understood that you are working in Turkey without a work permit, your residence permit may be cancelled by the Immigration Administration.

After Graduation:

Turkish law allows students who graduate from Turkish higher education institutions to obtain a one-year residence permit, which can be used as an opportunity to seek employment in Turkey. In order to obtain such a residence permit, you must apply for a short-term residence permit under the category of "Graduates of a university in Turkey" within six (6) months of your graduation.

Work Permit Exemptions:

Researchers who will work on research projects are covered by the work permit exemption (up to two years). These individuals (students or postdoctoral researchers) can apply for a work permit exemption themselves without waiting for their residence permit to be issued.

For questions regarding work permits, you should contact the General Directorate of International Workforce, affiliated with the Ministry of Labor and Social Security.

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