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This document provides information and details of organisations which may be useful if you are facing removal or deportation to Turkey.

While every care is taken to ensure that the information is correct this does not constitute a guarantee that the organisations will provide the services listed.

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## Your Embassy in the UK

### Embassy of the Republic of Turkey

43 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PA

**Tel:** 020 7393 0202

**Fax:** 020 7393 0066

**Email:** [embassy.london@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:embassy.london@mfa.gov.tr)

**[www.turkishembassylondon.org](http://www.turkishembassylondon.org)**

### Consulate General of the Republic of Turkey

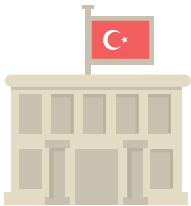
Rutland Lodge, Rutland Gardens,  
Knightsbridge, London SW7 1BW

**Tel:** 020 7591 6900

**Fax:** 020 7591 6922

**Email:** [consulate.london@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:consulate.london@mfa.gov.tr)

**[www.turkishconsulate.org.uk](http://www.turkishconsulate.org.uk)**



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## Travel documents

A valid Turkish passport can be used to travel from the UK to Turkey.

If you do not have a Turkish passport then an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) must be obtained if you wish to return to Turkey. To obtain an ETD you must submit a fully completed Bio-data form, four colour passport photographs, full UK birth certificate for any UK born children who will be removed with you. Any supporting evidence proving Turkish nationality such as an expired ID card, passport, NUFUS population identity card, NUFUS population certificate, Turkish driving license, family book, birth certificates or copies of such documents will be helpful. Supporting evidence must be translated into English.



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## Return

If you are willing to return and want to ensure that you are returned to Turkey as soon as possible you can:

- Contact your caseworker at the Home Office to say that you are willing to return;
- Make every effort to find supporting documentation for issuing of travel documents;
- Make contact with the Turkish Consulate to begin the process of obtaining a travel document.



You may find it useful to read the information below  
to begin preparing for your return.

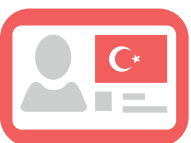
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## Documentation in Turkey

All Turkish citizens are legally required to have a national identity card (Nufus Kağıdı). To acquire a card you must present a birth certificate and proof of citizenship. The card contains every individual's Turkish Republic (TR) Identity Number, which is necessary for access to many public services.

If you do not have a birth certificate, a copy can be obtained from the Office of Vital Records in the municipality in which you were born. An application for a birth certificate can be made either in person or in writing by the individual concerned or his/her spouse, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings, or authorised representatives. The applicant must submit:

- document proving his/her identity;
- a document which can prove that the records regarding birth concern the members of the applicant's family, or his/her siblings, or which proves that such records are necessary to exercise his/her rights in relation to state or self-governing authorities;
- a notarised power of attorney if such application is submitted by an authorised representative.



For further information on obtaining either identity cards or birth certificates, contact the **Interior Ministry Directorate General of Population and Citizenship affairs**:

Türkiye Cumhuriyeti İçişleri Bakanlığı Nüfus ve Vatandaşlık İşleri Genel Müdürlüğü,  
Camlica Mahallesi 408.  
Cadde no:136 pk:06200, Yenimahalle / Ankara  
**Tel:** +90 312-5912100 **www.icisleri.gov.tr**



## Accommodation

Lack of appropriate or affordable housing is a pressing issue in Turkey with many people living in informally rented accommodation or unauthorised settlements known as gecekondu. Assistance for the homeless is provided largely through charitable and faith-based organisations.



## Health

All residents in the Turkey must have health insurance. There are a number of private health insurance companies with whom you can register. For people in employment, the employer will pay for health insurance. For certain classes of people, insurance premiums are paid by the state

Once insured, to access services you must register with a GP who is registered with your health insurance provider.

Access to care is subsidised by the insurer but is still subject to payment of some fees except for immediately necessary emergency care.

For further information contact the Ministry of Health:

### Ministry of Health/Sağlık Bakanlığı

Mithatpaşa Cad. No.3, 06434 Sıhıye/Ankara, Turkey

**Tel:** +90 312-5851000

**Email:** contact@saglik.gov.tr

**www.saglik.gov.tr**



## Emergency support

The social welfare system in Turkey is limited. Unemployment benefit is only payable to those who have paid insurance contributions through wages for (i) the last 120 days of their employment; and (ii) who have paid contributions for 600 days in the last 3 years. The programme is administered through the Employment Agency. For contact details see 'Employment, education and training' below.

## Employment, education and training

Turkey provides free, compulsory education to children aged between 6 and 14. Secondary education is split into academic and technical streams. To progress to higher or further education in either a university or a technical college it is necessary to pass entrance exams and to pay fees.

For further information contact:

### Department of Education

Talim ve Terbiye Kurulu Başkanlığı Milas Sokak 06500 Teknikokullar Yenimahalle/ANKARA

**Tel:** +90 312 212 65 30

**www.ttkb.meb.gov.tr**

If you have UK qualifications which you need certifying for employers in Turkey, you can contact the NARIC National Information Centre, which will be able to assist:

### YÖK Uluslararası İlişkiler Birimi / The Council of Higher Education - International Relations Office - ENIC-NARIC Turkey

Yükseköğretim Kurulu Başkanlığı (YÖK), 06539 Bilkent - ANKARA, Turkey

**Tel:** +90 312 298 79 38 **Fax:** +90 312 266 47 44

**Email:** naric@yok.gov.tr

**www.bologna.yok.gov.tr**

The local Labour Office (işçi bulma kurumu) in each municipality will hold a list of all available vacancies and can also help you to make job applications. They also provide training courses and entrepreneurship programmes for jobseekers. For information contact:



**Head office of Turkey Employment Agency  
(Türkiye İş Kurumu Genel Müdürlüğü)**

Emniyet mah. Mevlana bulvarı No.42 Yenimahalle\Ankara-Turkey

**Tel:** +90 312-2163000-01 **Fax:** +90 312-4352927

**www.iskur.gov.tr**

Work can also be found by making enquiries with local businesses and checking local newspaper vacancies. Turkey has a vibrant tourist industry where speaking another language, such as English, would be an advantage in finding work.

A growing number's of jobs are now advertised on job websites.

These include:

**www.kariyer.net**

**www.eleman.net**

**www.secretcv.com**

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## Directory

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### Caritas Turkey

Harbiye Cayiri sok 64, Elmadağ 80230, Istanbul, Turkey

**Tel:** +90 212 23 44 564 / +90 212 24 08 801 **Fax:** +90 212 23 31 193

**Email:** caritas@caritas-tr.org

A Catholic organization providing support for vulnerable groups including refugees, migrants, ill-treated women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and minorities. Caritas Turkey provides services in health, education, social adjustment and employment. Among its activities are projects for assistance in securing personal documentation, providing food aid for those in need.

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### HATAM - HIV/AIDS Treatment and Research Centre

Hacettepe Üniversitesi, HIV/AIDS Tedavi ve Araştırma Merkezi, Hacettepe Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi Morfolji Binası, Kat 1, Enfeksiyon Hastalıkları Ünitesi, Sıhhiye-Ankara

**Tel:** +90 312 3108047 / +90 312 3111271

**Email:** atumer@hacettepe.edu.tr

**www.hatam.hacettepe.edu.tr**

University research centre offering treatment and trial treatments for those with HIV/AIDS.

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### Pozitif Yaşam Derneği (Positive Living Association)

Fahrettin Kerim Gökay Cad., Arsu Apt. No:65/8 Hasanpaşa, Kadıköy, İstanbul

**Tel:** +90 216 4181061 **Fax:** +90 216 4181061

**Email:** info@pozitifyasam.org

**www.pozitifyasam.org**

Assistance for those living with HIV/AIDS including social services, peer support; legal advice; nutrition advice; psychological and psychiatric care; treatment and care facilitation.

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### Sefkat-Der

**Tel:** Şefkat-Der İstanbul: +90 212 244 85 97 Şefkat-Der Konya: +90 332 351 27 65

**Email:** sefkat\_der@myinet.com

**www.sefkatder.org**

Anti-poverty organisation working with the homeless, vulnerable women and those who have experienced domestic violence.

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### SOHRAM - CASA

Kurt İsmail Paşa Mah. 2.sokak Demiray Apt. Kat:3/8, ofis / Diyarbakir / Türkiye

**Tel:** +90 41 22 24 44 77 **Fax:** +90 41 22 28 88 80

**Email:** sohram@hotmail.com

**www.sohram.com**

SOHRAM-CASA, in Diyarbakir, works with victims of violence and torture. They offer therapy and medical help to those who have been affected by violence and torture.. SOHRAM-CASA also carry out research and education programmes.



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### **Türk Kızılayı / Turkish Red Crescent**

Ataç-1 Sokak No: 32 Yenışehir/ANKARA

**Tel:** +90 312 430 23 00 **Fax:** +90 312 430 01 75

**Email:** [info@kizilay.org.tr](mailto:info@kizilay.org.tr)

**[www.kizilay.org.tr](http://www.kizilay.org.tr)**

Provides a range of social services including food distribution to those in need and soup kitchens.

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