# The Definitive Guide to Securing Your Turkish Student Visa: A Stress-Free Manual for Indian Students

## Section 1: Introduction to Your Journey to Türkiye

### 1.1 Setting the Stage: Why Türkiye is a Premier Destination for Indian Students

Embarking on an educational journey in Türkiye offers a unique synthesis of world-class academia and profound cultural immersion. Turkish universities provide high-quality education at a global level, with programs available in English, Turkish, and other languages, creating a rich environment for academic and personal growth.1 For Indian students, Türkiye represents not just a place to earn a degree but an opportunity to experience a country that stands at the crossroads of continents and civilizations, preparing them for a truly global career.2 This guide is designed to demystify the immigration process, transforming what can seem like a formidable challenge into a series of clear, manageable steps, ensuring a smooth and stress-free start to this exciting new chapter.

### 1.2 The Two-Part Immigration Process: Understanding the Visa vs. The Residence Permit

A fundamental source of confusion for many international students is the distinction between a visa and a residence permit. Understanding this two-part structure from the outset is the most critical step toward a successful application. The process is not a single event but a continuum that begins in India and concludes only after arrival in Türkiye.

First, the **Turkish Student Visa** is an *entry permit*. Its sole purpose is to authorize an individual to travel to Türkiye for the specific reason of education. This visa is obtained *before* leaving India from a Turkish diplomatic mission (Embassy or Consulate). It is a sticker placed in the passport that is presented to immigration officials upon arrival.3

Second, the **Student Residence Permit** (İkamet İzni) is the legal document that allows a student to reside in Türkiye for an extended period (longer than 90 days).5 This permit is

*not* obtained in India. It must be applied for *after* arriving in Türkiye, typically within the first 30 days of entry.5 The student visa grants the right to enter Türkiye to begin this residence permit application process. This guide will cover both phases in detail, ensuring applicants are prepared not only for their visa application in India but also for the mandatory legal procedures they must complete upon arrival.

### 1.3 Critical First Step: e-Visa vs. The Mandatory Student Sticker Visa

The Republic of Türkiye offers a convenient Electronic Visa (e-Visa) system, which can be accessed online at www.evisa.gov.tr.8 It is imperative for Indian students to understand that

**the e-Visa is NOT valid for study purposes**. The e-Visa is strictly limited to tourism and short-term trade activities.3 Attempting to enter Türkiye for long-term studies with an e-Visa will result in being denied entry and is a costly and preventable error.

Indian nationals planning to enroll in any educational program in Türkiye—including undergraduate degrees, postgraduate studies, language courses, or internships—must apply for a long-term **Student "Sticker" Visa**.3 This is a physical visa affixed to a page in the passport by a Turkish Embassy or Consulate. The application for this visa is a more detailed process that requires an in-person appointment and a comprehensive set of documents, which this guide will now detail exhaustively. Applicants should be wary of fraudulent websites claiming to offer Turkish visas; the only official channels are the government portals and the designated application centers outlined in this guide.9

## Section 2: Phase I - The Pre-Application Dossier: Assembling Your Documents

Before initiating any online forms or booking appointments, the first phase of the application involves meticulously gathering and preparing a comprehensive dossier of required documents. The Turkish visa process places a significant emphasis on demonstrating logistical and financial preparedness. This section breaks down every required document, ensuring a complete and compelling application package.

### 2.1 Foundational Documents

These are the non-negotiable core components of the application.

#### Visa Application Form

The official visa application form must be completed through the Turkish government's online pre-application system at www.konsolosluk.gov.tr.4 After filling it out online, the form must be printed. It is crucial that all information is accurate and matches the supporting documents. The printed form must be signed by the applicant (or a legal guardian for minors).14 The form can also be accessed via the official application partner's website, Gateway International.17

#### Passport Requirements

The applicant's passport is the central identity document and is subject to strict validity rules.

* **Validity:** The passport must be valid for at least six months *beyond the intended period of stay* in Türkiye.3 For a long-duration student visa, this effectively means the passport should have a minimum validity of three years to cover the potential length of study.3
* **Blank Pages:** The passport must contain at least two full, blank pages for the visa sticker and entry/exit stamps.14
* **Previous Passports:** All previous (old or expired) passports must be submitted along with the current one to provide a complete travel history.14

#### Biometric Photographs

Photographic evidence must adhere to precise biometric standards to be accepted.

* **Quantity:** Two recent photographs are required.4
* **Specifications:** The photos must be 2.5 inches by 2.5 inches in size, with a plain white background, and taken within the last six months.14 The applicant's full face must be clearly visible, without shadows, and looking directly at the camera.20

### 2.2 Academic Keystone: The Letter of Acceptance (LoA)

The Letter of Acceptance from a recognized Turkish educational institution is the cornerstone of the student visa application. It serves as the primary proof of the applicant's purpose in Türkiye. The LoA must be an official document from the university and should clearly state the details and duration of the academic program the student has been admitted to.3 It is advisable to ensure this document has been obtained within the last 45 days before the visa application.22

### 2.3 Demonstrating Financial Solvency

The Turkish authorities require robust and verifiable proof that a student can financially support themselves throughout their studies without resorting to unauthorized work. This involves presenting a comprehensive financial portfolio.

* **Required Funds:** While no exact figure is officially mandated for the entire duration, a common benchmark used for estimating living costs is approximately USD 50 per day.25 For an academic year, this translates to a substantial amount (approximately USD 7,000 to USD 8,000 annually, excluding tuition), which must be reflected in the financial documents.25
* **Bank Statements:** The primary evidence of funds is a personal or sponsor's bank account statement covering the last 3 to 6 months.13 These statements must be original or bank-attested copies, recent (not older than one week to 30 days from the submission date), and clearly show a consistent and sufficient balance.20 A general guideline for other visa types suggests a minimum balance of at least ₹1 lakh, which can serve as a baseline expectation.14
* **Sponsorship:** If a parent, guardian, or other relative is sponsoring the student's education, several documents are required:
  + A **notarized sponsorship letter** explicitly stating that the sponsor will cover all educational and living expenses.13
  + The sponsor's own **financial documents**, including their bank statements for the last 6 months, proof of occupation (such as an employment contract or company registration documents), and income tax returns.13
  + **Proof of relationship** between the student and the sponsor is also required.23
* **Supporting Financial Documents:** To strengthen the application, it is highly recommended to include supplementary financial evidence, such as:
  + Salary slips for the last 3 months.14
  + Income Tax Returns (ITR) for the past 1 to 3 years.14
  + Proof of any scholarships received.3
  + Proof of ownership of movable or immovable assets (e.g., property deeds).13
  + Proof of payment for university tuition fees.3

### 2.4 Arranging Your Stay and Well-being

Beyond finances, applicants must demonstrate that they have made concrete arrangements for their accommodation and health coverage in Türkiye.

* **Proof of Accommodation:** Evidence of where the student will live is mandatory. This can be in one of the following forms:
  + An official document from the university confirming a place in a student dormitory.4
  + A notarized letter of invitation from a host (friend or relative) residing in Türkiye.4
  + A confirmed hotel reservation or a formal rental agreement (lease).4
* **Travel Health Insurance:** A valid travel health insurance policy is a non-negotiable requirement. The policy must provide a minimum coverage of €30,000 for medical expenses, including hospitalization and repatriation.3 The insurance must be valid for the entire duration of the intended stay in Türkiye.28
* **Flight Itinerary:** Applicants must provide a flight reservation showing their intended travel dates.4 It is strongly advised to provide a reservation or itinerary, not a fully purchased, non-refundable ticket, as the visa is not guaranteed.27

### 2.5 Building Your Case: Supporting Documents

These additional documents help build a complete and credible profile of a genuine student applicant.

* **Motivation Letter:** A formal letter, also known as a Statement of Purpose, that clearly explains the applicant's reasons for choosing to study in Türkiye, their chosen university and program, and their future career goals.13
* **Academic History:** Copies of all previous educational qualifications, such as diplomas, degrees, and transcripts.4 These documents may need to be notarized.21
* **Police Clearance Certificate (PCC):** This document, verifying the applicant has no criminal record, is often required.3
* **Civil Documents:** Proof of identity and civil status, such as an Aadhar card and PAN card, are necessary.14 A valid birth certificate may also be requested.13
* **For Minors (Under 18):** A notarized letter of consent signed by both parents is mandatory, even if traveling with one parent. Copies of the parents' passports are also required.14
* **Undertaking Letter:** Applicants aged 18 and above are required to complete and sign a specific "undertaking letter," the template for which is provided by Gateway International.17

### Master Document Checklist for Turkish Student Visa

| Document Category | Specific Document | Key Requirements & Notes |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Application & Identity** | Visa Application Form | Completed online at www.konsolosluk.gov.tr, then printed and signed.4 |
|  | Valid Passport | Must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the intended stay; must have at least 2 blank pages.14 |
|  | Previous Passports | All old/expired passports must be submitted.14 |
|  | Biometric Photographs | Two photos, 2.5x2.5 inches, white background, taken within the last 6 months.14 |
|  | Proof of Civil Status | Aadhar card, PAN card.21 |
| **Academic** | Letter of Acceptance (LoA) | Official letter from the Turkish university indicating program details and duration.4 |
|  | Previous Academic Records | Copies of all past diplomas, transcripts, and certificates; may require notarization.4 |
|  | Motivation Letter | A letter explaining the purpose of study and future plans.13 |
| **Financial** | Bank Statements | Last 3-6 months of personal or sponsor's statements; must be recent and bank-stamped.13 |
|  | Sponsorship Letter | If applicable, a notarized letter from the sponsor confirming financial support.13 |
|  | Sponsor's Financials | Sponsor's bank statements, proof of employment/business, and ITRs.13 |
|  | Proof of Income | Last 3 months' salary slips and/or last 1-3 years' Income Tax Returns (ITR).14 |
|  | Proof of Assets | Optional but recommended: property deeds or other proof of movable/immovable assets.13 |
| **Logistics & Health** | Proof of Accommodation | Dormitory confirmation, notarized invitation from a host, or hotel/rental booking.4 |
|  | Flight Reservation | A confirmed itinerary showing travel dates (do not purchase a non-refundable ticket).14 |
|  | Travel Health Insurance | Mandatory policy with minimum €30,000 coverage for the entire duration of stay.3 |
| **Legal & Supporting** | Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) | Required to prove no criminal record.3 |
|  | Undertaking Letter | Mandatory signed letter for applicants 18+; form available from Gateway International.17 |
|  | For Minors (Under 18) | Notarized consent letter from both parents and copies of their passports.14 |

## Section 3: Phase II - The Application Submission Process

Once the complete document dossier from Phase I is assembled, the formal application process can begin. This phase is a structured, multi-platform procedure that requires interaction with both the official Turkish government portal and its designated service partner in India, Gateway International. Understanding the distinct role of each entity is key to navigating this stage successfully.

### 3.1 The Digital Handshake: The Online Pre-Application

The first official step is to complete the online pre-application. This is not the full submission but rather the initial data entry and appointment scheduling stage.

* **Portal:** The application must be initiated on the official website of the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.konsolosluk.gov.tr.4
* **Process:** Applicants will fill out the visa application form with their personal, passport, travel, and educational details. The system is designed to capture the necessary information and, upon completion, will provide the applicant with an appointment date for their in-person submission and potential interview.4
* **Output:** The primary output of this step is the completed, printable visa application form and a scheduled appointment date at a Turkish diplomatic mission or its designated application center.

### 3.2 Navigating Gateway International: The Official Partner

The Turkish government has outsourced the logistical aspects of visa application submission in India to a single, official partner.

* **Official Partner:** Gateway Management Logistics INC is the exclusive, authorized company to receive Turkish visa applications in India and Nepal.16 It is critical to use only their official website (  
  gatewayinternational.com.tr) and avoid all other third-party agents or fraudulent sites.9
* **Booking the Appointment:** Using the Gateway International portal, applicants will formalize the appointment date they received from the government's pre-application system. This is a mandatory step to secure a slot at a Visa Application Centre (VAC).16
* **Fee Structure:** The visa fee payment is a two-part process. A portion of the total fee (approximately ₹6859, though this is subject to change) must be paid online via the Gateway portal to confirm the appointment. The remaining balance of the visa fee and any service charges must be paid in cash at the VAC on the day of the appointment.16
* **Choosing a VAC:** Applicants must select a VAC that falls under the correct jurisdiction of the Turkish diplomatic mission for their state of residence. Gateway International operates VACs under three main jurisdictions in India:
  + **Embassy of Türkiye in New Delhi:** Covers New Delhi, Jalandhar, Chandigarh, Gurgaon, Jaipur, and Kolkata.17
  + **Consulate General of Türkiye in Mumbai:** Covers Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Cochin, Goa, Pondicherry, Pune, and Trivandrum.17
  + **Consulate General of Türkiye in Hyderabad:** Covers Hyderabad.17

### 3.3 The VAC Appointment: Submission and Biometrics

The appointment at the Gateway International VAC is for the physical submission of the application dossier and the collection of biometric data.

* **What to Bring:** On the scheduled day, applicants must bring their complete file, including the printed and signed online application form, original current and old passports, all supporting documents as detailed in Section 2, and a printout of the appointment confirmation letter.32
* **Mandatory Biometrics:** A critical update to the process, effective January 1, 2025, made the collection of biometric data (fingerprints) mandatory for all student visa applicants from India.34
* **In-Person Attendance:** Due to the biometric requirement, every student visa applicant **must attend the VAC appointment in person**. Applications submitted by third-party representatives or travel agencies will no longer be accepted for this visa category.34 This personal appearance ensures the identity of the applicant is verified directly.

The separation of roles between the Turkish government's online portal and the private partner, Gateway International, is a deliberate system designed for efficiency. The government portal handles the official data record and initial scheduling, while Gateway manages the physical logistics of document intake, fee collection, and biometric scanning. This dual-platform approach can be confusing, but it is a required sequence. The online pre-application must be completed first to generate the necessary file, which is then physically processed through the Gateway VAC.

## Section 4: Phase III - The Visa Interview

Following the submission of documents, some applicants may be required to attend a visa interview with a consular officer at the Turkish Embassy or Consulate.4 This interview is not a mere formality; it is a crucial component of the evaluation process designed to assess the applicant's credibility and genuineness. The officer's primary objective is to confirm that the applicant is a bona fide student with a clear academic purpose and a strong intention to return to India after completing their studies.

### 4.1 Preparing for the Conversation

Preparation is key to a successful interview. Applicants should treat it as a professional meeting.

* **Logistics:** Arrive at the Embassy or Consulate on time, dressed in formal or business casual attire. Have all original documents neatly organized and ready for inspection.29
* **Mindset:** The goal is to be honest, clear, and confident. Answers should be concise and directly address the questions asked. If a question is not understood, it is better to politely ask for clarification than to provide an incorrect or vague response.29

### 4.2 Core Interview Themes & Sample Questions

While the exact questions may vary, they typically revolve around five core themes. Applicants should prepare thoughtful and consistent answers for each category.

* **Study Plans and University Choice:** The officer will probe the academic motivations behind the application.
  + *Sample Questions:* "Why did you choose to study in Türkiye instead of India or another country like the UK or USA?" "Why did you select this specific university and program?" "How does this course align with your previous education and work experience?".36
* **Academic and Professional Background:** The officer will assess the applicant's qualifications and history.
  + *Sample Questions:* "What were your scores on your previous exams (e.g., board exams, IELTS/TOEFL)?" "Can you explain the gap year in your academic record?" "What are your current job responsibilities?".38
* **Financial Status:** This is one of the most critical areas of inquiry, designed to verify the financial documents submitted.
  + *Sample Questions:* "How will you finance your tuition fees and living expenses for the entire duration of your studies?" "Who is sponsoring your education, and what is their occupation?" "Can you explain this large deposit in your bank account?".37
* **Post-Graduation Plans and Ties to India:** The officer must be convinced that the applicant will not attempt to remain in Türkiye illegally after their studies conclude.
  + *Sample Questions:* "What are your career plans after you graduate?" "Do you have a job offer waiting for you in India?" "Do you have family, property, or a business in India that you will return to?".37
* **General Travel and Background:** These questions verify personal details and travel history.
  + *Sample Questions:* "Have you ever traveled to Türkiye or any other country before?" "Have you ever been refused a visa for any country?" "Do you have any relatives or friends currently living in Türkiye?".37

### 4.3 The Strategy: Proving Genuine Student Intent

The visa interview serves as a live verification of the narrative presented in the application documents. The motivation letter, financial statements, and choice of program tell a story; the interview is where the applicant must demonstrate that the story is true and consistent. A successful outcome depends on the ability to articulate a coherent plan that logically connects past education, the chosen program in Türkiye, and future career ambitions back in India. Any inconsistencies between the documents and the verbal answers can raise red flags and lead to a refusal. Therefore, the most effective strategy is to thoroughly review the entire application dossier and be prepared to speak confidently and accurately about every detail it contains, reinforcing the image of a serious, well-prepared, and genuine student.

## Section 5: Phase IV - The Waiting Period and Decision

After the application has been submitted at the VAC and the interview (if required) is complete, the application enters the processing phase. This period requires patience and an understanding of the correct procedures for tracking the application's progress.

### 5.1 Tracking Your Application

It is important to use the official channels provided by the designated service partner to monitor the status of the application.

* **Official Tracking Portal:** The status of a visa application can be tracked online through the Gateway International website.3 Applicants should not contact the Turkish Embassy or Consulate directly for status updates.
* **Required Information:** To use the tracking service, applicants will typically need the reference number provided on the receipt issued by the VAC at the time of submission, along with their last name or date of birth.33
* **Other Methods:** Gateway International also offers status updates via email, a helpline number, and an optional SMS service for an additional fee.33

### 5.2 Understanding the Outcome

The time it takes for a decision to be made can vary based on the specific VAC and the complexity of the application.

* **Processing Times:** Applicants should apply well in advance of their intended travel date. It is recommended to apply at least one month, and ideally up to 60 days, before departure.3 The minimum processing time can be as short as 4 working days for applications submitted in New Delhi, but can extend to 10-12 working days or more for other centers and for non-Indian nationals applying from India.40
* **Notification and Collection:** Once a decision has been made by the Turkish Embassy or Consulate, the passport is returned to the Gateway International VAC. The applicant will then be notified via their chosen method (email, SMS) that their passport is ready for collection.33 Applicants can either collect the passport in person from the VAC or opt for a courier service to have it delivered to their address.33
* **Visa Approval:** If the application is approved, a Turkish Student "Sticker" Visa will be affixed to one of the blank pages in the applicant's passport.3 This visa will specify its validity period and the number of entries allowed. It is this visa that must be presented to immigration officials upon arrival in Türkiye.

## Section 6: Phase V - Arrival and the Student Residence Permit

Securing the student visa in India is only the first half of the immigration process. Upon arrival in Türkiye, it is a mandatory legal requirement for all international students enrolled in programs longer than 90 days to obtain a Student Residence Permit (İkamet İzni). This process is managed by Türkiye's domestic immigration authority, the Directorate General of Migration Management (Göç İdaresi), and involves a new set of procedures and documentation.

### 6.1 Your First 30 Days: The Critical Timeline

The period immediately following arrival is critical. Students must initiate their residence permit application promptly to remain in legal status.

* **Application Deadline:** All international students are required to apply for their residence permit within **one month** of their official entry date into Türkiye.6 Some sources even recommend applying within the first 10 days to be safe.42 Failure to do so can result in penalties or complications with legal status.
* **Application from Abroad:** It is not possible to apply for the residence permit from outside Türkiye. The application can only be made after entering the country and officially registering at the university.6

### 6.2 The Residence Permit Application Process

The application is a multi-step process that requires interaction with Turkish government portals and offices.

* **Step 1: Obtain a Turkish Tax Identification Number:** Before starting the residence permit application, students must get a potential tax ID number. This is necessary for paying the permit card fee and for other administrative tasks like opening a bank account. This can often be done online through the official tax office website (gib.gov.tr) or by visiting a local tax office (Vergi Dairesi) in person with an original passport and a copy.42
* **Step 2: Complete the Online Application:** The formal application for the student residence permit must be submitted online through the official e-Residence portal: e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr.6 Applicants will fill in their personal, passport, and university details and will be given an appointment date for document submission and/or biometrics.
* **Step 3: Gather Required Documents:** While similar to the visa application, the document list for the residence permit has specific local requirements:
  + The printed and signed online residence permit application form.6
  + Copies of the passport's identification page, the student visa page, and the page with the most recent entry stamp.6
  + Four biometric photographs.41
  + A valid health insurance policy that is compliant with Turkish regulations (Yabancı Sağlık Sigortası).41
  + An official, current-dated Student Certificate (Öğrenci Belgesi) obtained from the university's student affairs office *after* registration.6
  + Proof of address in Türkiye (e.g., a notarized rental contract or an official letter from the student dormitory).6
  + A receipt confirming payment of the residence permit card fee.5
* **Step 4: Pay the Residence Permit Card Fee:** After completing the online application, a fee for the physical permit card must be paid. This can be done online via credit card through the digital tax office portal or in person at a designated tax office or bank.6
* **Step 5: Submit Documents and Provide Biometrics:** On the appointed date, the student must submit their complete document file. This is often done through the university's international student office, which may handle the submission to the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management on the student's behalf.7 The student will also be required to visit the local Migration Management office (  
  Göç İdaresi) to provide their fingerprints.41

### 6.3 Important Rules and Post-Application Conduct

The period between applying for the residence permit and receiving the physical card is a transitional legal status with strict rules.

* **Travel Restriction:** It is critically important for students to understand that they **cannot leave Türkiye** after submitting their residence permit application until they have received their official permit card (İkamet İzni Kartı). Departing the country during this processing period will automatically cancel the application and may result in fines upon re-entry.6 The processing time for the card can take up to 90 days.43
* **Receiving the Card:** The residence permit card is typically sent by post (PTT) to the address provided in the application. The student must be present to receive it in person.6 Once received, a copy should be provided to the university's student affairs office to complete the registration process.6

This transition from being a visa holder to a residence permit holder marks a significant legal shift. The student's legal status becomes governed by Türkiye's domestic immigration laws, and their primary point of contact shifts from the Turkish Consulate in India to the local Directorate of Migration Management in Türkiye.

## Section 7: Proactive Planning: Avoiding Common Rejection Pitfalls

The visa application process is rigorous, and rejections can occur for a variety of preventable reasons. By understanding these common pitfalls, applicants can proactively strengthen their applications and significantly increase their chances of success. In 2023, rising visa application backlogs have led to increased scrutiny, meaning even small errors can lead to denial.44

* **Incomplete or Inconsistent Application:** This is one of the most frequent reasons for rejection. All fields on the application form must be filled out correctly, and the information must be perfectly consistent across all supporting documents—from the spelling of a name to passport numbers and dates.39 Any discrepancy can raise doubts about the application's credibility.39
  + **Strategy:** Triple-check every document before submission. Ensure the information on the application form exactly matches the passport, LoA, and financial papers.
* **Insufficient or Unverifiable Financial Proof:** Failing to demonstrate adequate funds is a primary cause for refusal.39 This includes not just a low bank balance but also suspicious financial activity, such as a large, unexplained lump-sum deposit just before applying. The source of funds must be clear and legitimate.45
  + **Strategy:** Provide 3-6 months of consistent bank statements. If a large deposit was made (e.g., from the sale of a property or an education loan disbursement), include official documentation explaining its origin. Ensure all sponsor documents are complete and notarized.
* **Unclear Purpose of Study or Weak Motivation:** A visa officer must be convinced of the applicant's genuine intent as a student. If the chosen course of study does not logically align with the applicant's previous academic or professional background, it can be a major red flag.44 A vague or poorly written motivation letter can also suggest a lack of serious academic purpose.44
  + **Strategy:** The motivation letter and interview answers must clearly articulate the rationale for choosing the specific program and how it will benefit the applicant's future career back in India. If changing fields, provide a strong, logical justification for the shift.
* **Weak Ties to Home Country and Lack of Intent to Return:** Consular officers are trained to assess the likelihood that an applicant will overstay their visa. The application must provide compelling evidence of strong ties—familial, financial, and professional—to India.39
  + **Strategy:** Emphasize family responsibilities, property ownership, business ownership, or a clear career path in India that will be enhanced by the Turkish degree. The narrative should always conclude with a return to the home country.
* **Issues with Passport and Insurance:** Simple administrative oversights can lead to automatic rejection. An invalid passport (less than six months validity beyond the stay) or the absence of a compliant travel health insurance policy are common, easily avoidable mistakes.45
  + **Strategy:** Check passport validity as the very first step. Purchase a compliant travel insurance policy that meets the €30,000 minimum coverage requirement before the VAC appointment.

## Section 8: Appendices for Quick Reference

### Appendix A: Master Document Checklist

This comprehensive checklist consolidates all required documents for the Turkish Student Visa application for Indian nationals. It is recommended to print this list and use it to organize the application dossier.

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|  | Undertaking Letter | Mandatory signed letter for applicants 18+; form available from Gateway International.17 |
|  | For Minors (Under 18) | Notarized consent letter from both parents and copies of their passports.14 |

### Appendix B: Directory of Official Resources

Navigating the visa process requires relying on accurate and official information. This directory provides verified contact details and web addresses for all key entities involved in the Turkish student visa process for applicants from India. Using these official sources is the best way to avoid misinformation and fraudulent services.9

| Resource | Purpose | Contact Information / URL |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye, New Delhi** | Main diplomatic mission; final visa decision authority for its jurisdiction. | Address: 50-N, Nyaya Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110021  Email: embassy.newdelhi@mfa.gov.tr  Phone: +91 11 2688 9053 2 |
| **Consulate General of Türkiye, Mumbai** | Visa decision authority for its jurisdiction (Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, etc.). | Address: 101, 10th Floor, Maker Chambers IV, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021  Email: consulate.mumbai@mfa.gov.tr  Phone: +91 22 2204 0365 35 |
| **Gateway International** | Official partner for visa application submission, appointment booking, and biometrics in India. | Website: https://gatewayinternational.com.tr/en/india/  Helpline: 022 67866029  Email: helpline.india@gateway.com.tr 16 |
| **Online Visa Pre-Application Portal** | Official Turkish government portal for filling the initial visa application form. | https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/ 12 |
| **Online Student Residence Permit Portal** | Official Turkish government portal for applying for the residence permit *after* arrival in Türkiye. | https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/ 6 |
| **Study in Türkiye Portal** | Official portal by the Turkish Council of Higher Education with information on universities and programs. | https://www.studyinturkiye.gov.tr/ 1 |
| **Turkish Consular Call Center** | 24/7 call center for general consular inquiries. | +90 312 292 29 29 9 |

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