



An important announcement regarding the upcoming elections in Turkey

Dear fellow citizens,

The upcoming 2015 general elections in Turkey will play an important role in determining our country's future. This is a historical opportunity to make your voice heard.

This election is the most important in many years and it will be incomplete without YOUR VOTE!

Please vote to have a voice in our country's future!

Which dates can I vote in the U.S.?

Turkish citizens in the U.S. are able to vote from **May 16th thru May 31st 2015** between the hours of **8 AM-5 PM** your local time at the consulates designated for your area.

How does the voting procedure work? Steps to vote:

1- Where am I registered?

Every Turkish citizen who is registered in the electoral register abroad can cast their ballot at the Turkish consulate they are registered to. In order to find out if you're registered in the "electoral register abroad" please visit (<http://www.ysk.gov.tr>) and enter your Turkish identification number (kimlik numarası).

2- What if I'm not registered?

If you're not registered or can't find your record you can apply or appeal in person to your consulate from **March 14 thru March 27th from 8 AM**

to 5 PM (TR time). You can find out the jurisdiction areas of each consulate in the attached list. Registration or appeals will not be accepted via post or courier.

If you're already in Turkey you can go to the census directorate (nüfus müdürlüğü) where you can apply to the district election board (ilçe seçim kurulu).

3- What type of documents are required to register to vote?

In order to register to vote you need the following documents:

- a- Turkish photo ID (passport or identification card)
- b- Proof of residence in the U.S. (driver's license, phone bill, etc.)
- c- The address declaration form (adres beyan formu): can be downloaded from this link:*

http://www.nvi.gov.tr/Files/AKS/Formlar/FormB_onsayfa.pdf

4- When you receive confirmation of registration please repeat the process in step 1 and check your registration.

FAQ

➤ Do I need to make an appointment to vote?

No, an appointment is no longer required to vote. Turkish citizens who reside in the U.S will be able to vote between **May 16th and May 31st 2015**. The polls will be open for 16 days including weekends.

➤ What kind of documentation do I need to bring to vote?

In order to vote you must have a Turkish photo ID such as a passport or identification card (nüfus cüzdanı). You must present your ID to the ballot officer while you vote.

➤ Can I vote via mail?

No, it is not possible to vote via mail or absentee ballot.

* Official information regarding the address declaration form can be found here: <http://www.nvi.gov.tr/Files/File/AKS/Formlar/FORMB-ARKASAYFA.pdf>

- **I am a dual citizen of the United States and Turkey. If I vote for the Turkish general elections is there a risk of losing my US citizenship?**

No, there is not. According to the U.S. Supreme Court decision *Afroyim v. Rusk* (1967) it is legal to vote in the elections of another country as a dual citizen.

- **In which cities will voting take place?**

Washington DC	Houston TX
New York NY	Miami FL
Boston MA	Los Angeles CA
Chicago IL	

- **I have another question that is not answered here...**

Not to worry! Turkish Policy Center has a “2015 Turkish Elections Hotline” you can call at (+1) 202-768-8518 and submit your questions.

Additionally, the “Supreme Elections Board” (YSK) has a call center which operates 24/7. You may contact them at: (+90) 312 444 99 75.

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