

TURKISH CITIZENSHIP THROUGH INVESTMENT

- With the decisions published on 19.09.2018 and 07.12.2018 on the Turkish Official Gazette, some regulations regarding the acquire Turkish citizenship of foreigners is revised. Turkish citizenship will be given directly to foreigners who buy at least 250.000 USD real estate in Turkey and who give a commitment to buy a property worth of 250.000 USD from the notary.

1. What should you do for get Turkish citizenship by this way?

- First properties should be bought valued above 250.000 USD. After that we should apply to (Tapu Office) General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre. After the application, they check the appraisal report and bank transfer documents. Tapu Office gives approval for citizenship in between 10 and 15 days time. The ministry must verifies if the value declared on Title Deed correct and above 250.000 USD with sworn appraisers. All the property value should be paid by bank transfer to the Property Sellers.
- With this citizenship approval, we apply to the Immigration Office desk on the same day without waiting for an appointment for a contemporary residence permit. With the approval and residence permit, finally we apply to General Directorate of Population and Citizenship on the same day. After tapu application, all process is followed in a special Citizenship Information Office in Istanbul and Ankara. They finalize citizenship acquisition between 3 and 6 months.

2. Required Documents for Turkish Citizenship by Investment Application

- ✓ Power of Attorney
- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Valid Passport (Turkish Translate)
- ✓ 4 Passport-size Photos of Each Member of Your Family Members
- ✓ Birth certificates(Turkish Translate With Notarized)
- ✓ Residence Permit or Valid Touristic Visa on Your Passport
- ✓ If applicable, Documents Proving Your Relationships With Your Spouse and Children (Marriage License, Birth Certificate for Children's)
- ✓ Application Tax Payment Receipt
- ✓ Appraisal Report (for the Real Estate)
- ✓ Bank Receipt (Showing Payment of Minimum 250.000 USD)
- ✓ Title Deed or Notarized Property Purchase Commitment

3. The most important points are;

- 1) You cannot sell the purchased property for 3 years.
- 2) You do not have to live in Turkey to acquire the citizenship.
- 3) Your spouse and all your children under the age of 18 (on the application date) may get citizenship.
- 4) Ministry wants to be sure that the value is minimum 250.000 USD. Sworn property valuation companies verify that the price is correct in order to prevent from price fraud. Appraisers might have up to %20 deviation (difference) than its sales price. So must be attention.