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United States – U.S. Missions in Turkey Resume Non-Immigrant Visa Processing

Last month, the U.S. Consulate General in Turkey announced that non-immigrant visa (NIV) processing at the Missions in Turkey were suspended as of Tuesday, October 10, 2017.¹ As of November 8, 2017, the U.S. Mission in Turkey announced limited NIV processing in both Ankara and Istanbul.²

WHY THIS MATTERS

Individuals affected by last month's suspension of visa processing at the Consular Missions in Turkey should review the updates below to ascertain opportunities for scheduling new visa appointments and other visa processing matters with the Embassies/Consulates, and to foster compliance and timely processing.

Steps to Consider

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- ❖ As was always the case, Turkish foreign nationals who hold a valid visa in an eligible status are free to enter the U.S. (subject to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspection).
- ❖ Nonimmigrant visa processing is resumed on a limited basis; therefore there are a limited number of visa appointments available. Please do not make travel plans until *after* the appointment is made.
- ❖ If urgent travel to the U.S. is required, please check the Mission's website for further details (<https://tr.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/>). Note that expedited visa processing is only available at the discretion of the Mission, and is not guaranteed.

- ❖ If the applicant already has an appointment at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara or the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul, but has not received notification that the appointment is cancelled, then the applicant should plan on attending the appointment. If the applicant has had an appointment cancelled, the applicant may now attempt to reschedule the appointment.
- ❖ If a visa applicant has made a visa appointment in a third country, but now wishes to make an appointment at the Mission in Turkey, note that the fees between Missions are not transferrable, and the applicant must await a visa appointment in Turkey, and resubmit the applicable fees.
- ❖ U.S. citizens seeking to travel to Turkey should consult with their authorized Turkish immigration adviser prior to travel or applying for a visa.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 For prior coverage, see GMS [Flash Alert 2017-151](#), October 13, 2017.
- 2 See the November 6, 2017 "[Statement from the U.S. Mission to Turkey on Re-opening of Limited Visa Services](#)".

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