

Turkey Relocation Checklist 2026

Moving to Turkey can mean 0% tax on your foreign income for 20 years (Law No. 7582, 2026). This checklist walks you through every step in the right order. Tick each box as you go.

Before you move

- ☐ Confirm you were not a Turkish tax resident in the last 3 years (key for the 0% rule)
- ☐ Decide your target city (Istanbul, Antalya, Izmir, Bursa...)
- ☐ Budget your first 3 months of living costs
- ☐ Get your passport ready (and document translations/notary if needed)

Step 1 — Get your tax number (free)

- ☐ Apply online at ivd.gib.gov.tr or visit a local tax office (Vergi Dairesi)
- ☐ Bring your passport and a Turkish address
- ☐ Save the number — you'll need it everywhere

Step 2 — Open a bank account

- ☐ Get a Turkish SIM card (needed for SMS verification)
- ☐ Choose a foreigner-friendly bank with English service
- ☐ Bring passport, tax number and proof of address
- ☐ Ask for English online banking and a multi-currency account

Step 3 — Residence permit

- ☐ Choose your route (short-term, or work/business permit)
- ☐ Apply via e-ikamet / e-Devlet
- ☐ Arrange health insurance and address registration
- ☐ Keep copies of every document

Step 4 — Company setup (if needed)

- ☐ Decide if you need a Turkish LTD (for a work permit / invoicing clients)
- ☐ Hire a licensed accountant (mali musavir)
- ☐ Register with the Trade Registry and open a corporate account

The 0% foreign income rule (Law No. 7582)

Confirm eligibility via the 3-year non-residency test. Keep foreign vs. domestic income strictly separated in your records. Work with a licensed Turkish tax advisor to file correctly. Income earned inside Turkey is still taxed normally.

Smart-move tips

- ☐ Keep reserves in a stable currency where legal
- ☐ Don't rely only on the lira economy
- ☐ Verify every official figure before acting — rules change

Want us to handle all of this for you?

We help remote workers, founders and investors move to Turkey and set everything up the right way — tax number, residence, banking, company and the 0% rule.

[Book a free call →](#)

Disclaimer: This checklist is general information, not tax or legal advice. Verify your eligibility and obligations with a licensed Turkish tax advisor before relocating.