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CITIZENSHIP-BY-INVESTMENT



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# Welcome To Turkish Citizenship By Investment

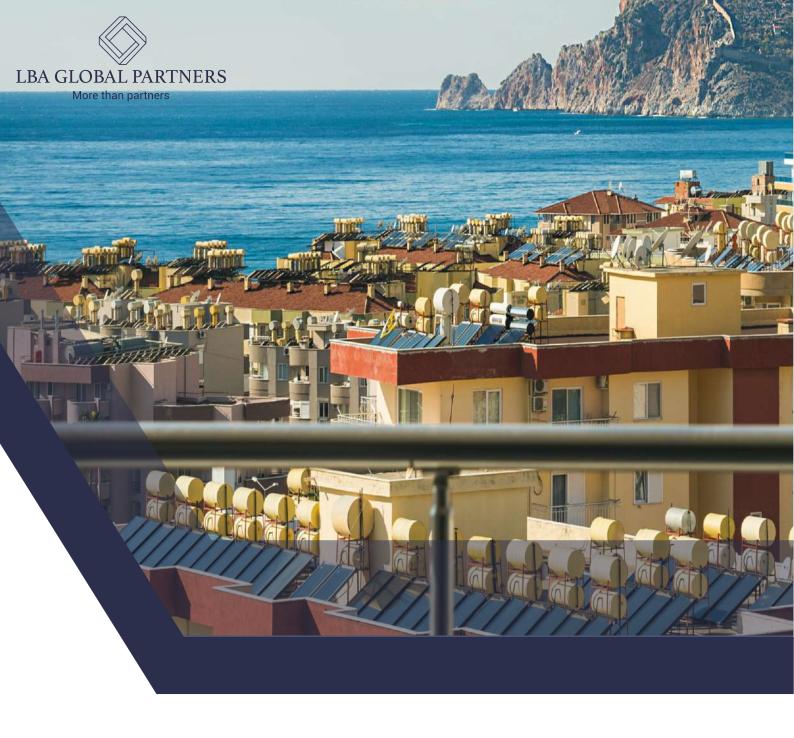
The Turkish Citizenship By Investment program (CBI) was launched in 2016 and is one of the more recent programs to roll out worldwide.

Surrounded by the Black Sea, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Aegean Sea, Turkey has a favourable coastal climate, with dry, hot summers and mildly cool winters.

Ankara is the capital city of Turkey, but its largest city, Istanbul, is more popular due to its pivotal role as a major business, finance, and tourist hub.

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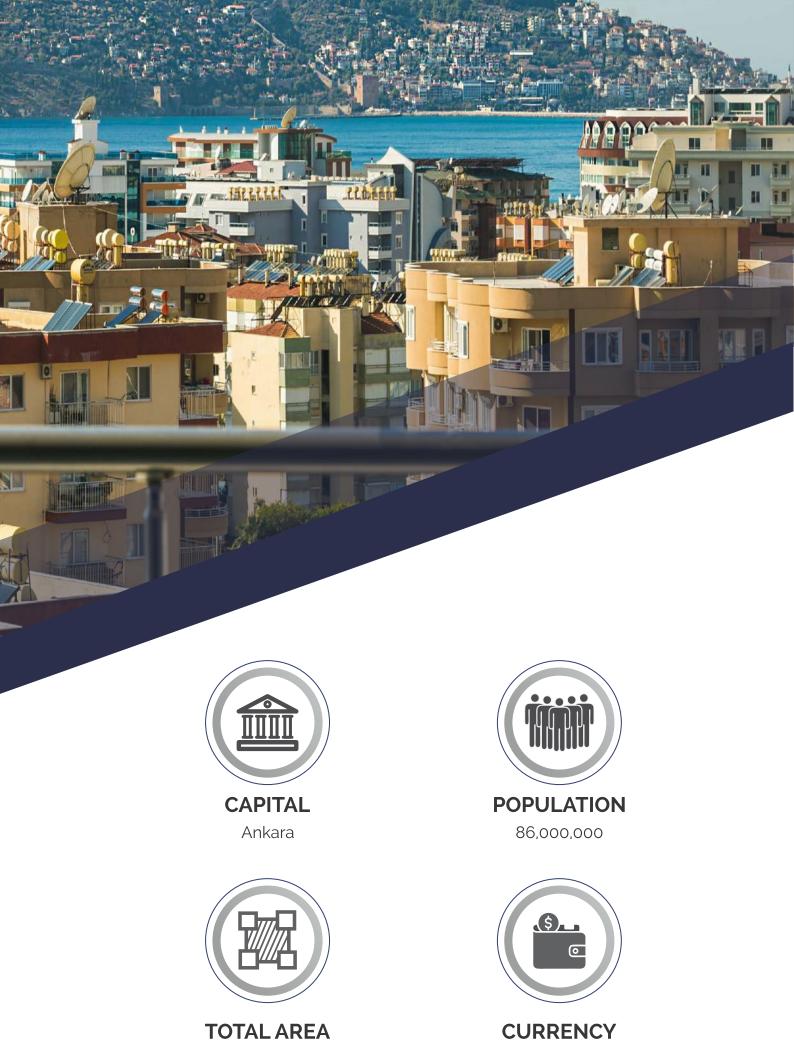
Turkey



# About Turkey

Turkey, officially known as the Republic of Turkey, is a vibrant country brimming with diverse culture. Its unique location lies at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, making it a key player in geostrategic affairs.

With an estimated population of 86 million people, Turkey boasts a thriving economy that focuses on agriculture, industry, and trade. Bound by the Mediterranean Sea in the south and the Black Sea in the north, Turkey offers not only enviable weather conditions but also breathtaking natural beauty.



**TOTAL AREA** 783.562 KM2

Turkish lira



# Why Choose The Turkish Citizenship By Investment Program

# ▶ FAMILY SAFETY AND FUTURE SECURITY

Turkey provides a safe and secure urban environment with modern infrastructure and facilities. The country offers excellent educational opportunities, world-class healthcare, and a high standard of living for applicants and their families.

# ▶ VISA-FREE TRAVEL

Holding a Turkish passport grants visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to over 110 countries, including destinations such as Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Russia, and Singapore. This benefit allows for ease of travel and broadens the scope of business and leisure opportunities for investors and their families.

# ▶ EASY ACCESS TO THE USAE-2 TREATY VISA

The Turkey CBI Program is among the few that enables investors to apply for a USA E-2 Investor Visa. Successful applicants can relocate with their families and establish a business in the United States. This advantage creates new opportunities for growth and expands your global reach to attract more foreign capital and further attract foreign direct investment.

# ▶ ATTRACTIVE TAX REGIME

Turkey has implemented various incentives and tax reliefs aimed at reducing the financial burden on investors while maximizing returns on investment. Investors can benefit from incentives designed for manufacturing, research and development, innovation, and export activities. This favourable tax regime makes it an appealing destination and option for potential investors seeking to enhance their financial portfolio and grow their wealth.



# How To Qualify For The Turkish Citizenship By Investment Program

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TURKISH CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT

The Turkish Citizenship by Investment Program allows foreign nationals to secure Turkish citizenship via a designated investment route. However, the below criteria must be met by the main applicant:

- 1. Must be at least 18 years old.
- 2. Must not have a criminal record.
- 3. Must be in good health and not suffer from a serious illness.
- 4. Must provide proof of health insurance coverage valid in Turkey.
- 5. Must not have ever resided unlawfully in Turkey.
- 6. Must be able to prove the legality of their income.
- 7. Must not be from a black-listed country.
- 8. Must have a Turkish Tax ID number.
- 9. Must provide birth certificates, passports, and biometric-colored passport photos for all applicants.
- 10. Must provide recent proof of residence, such as utility statements.

The main applicant **can include their spouse, dependent family members and children** (below the age of 18), and disabled family members in their application

# MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION

Every applicant needs to provide the following documents for their application:

- Birth certificates for all applicants
- Valid passports for each individual applying
- Recent proof of residence, such as utility statements
- Biometric colored passport photos of each individual applicant
- A Turkish Tax ID number
- Documents proving a clean criminal record
- Proof of health insurance coverage valid in Turkey

Additionally, optional documents such as marriage or divorce certificates can also affect your application process.



# TURKEY CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT OPTIONS

# **INVESTMENT OPTIONS**

Investment Options	Investment Cost	Time To Citizenship	EU Visa-Free Travel	Visa-Free/Visa On-Arrival Access
Real Estate Investment	Purchase of real estate, land or commercial facilities worth at least USD 400,000	Applying for the Turkish CBI Program involves several steps. The entire process typically takes around 120 days between applying and obtaining approval	are eligible to get a C- 2 Schengen Visa for 5 years.	A Turkish passport grants you visa- free or visa-on- arrival access to over 110 countries including Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Russia and Singapore.
Fixed Capital Contribution Investment	Invest a minimum of USD 500,000 as a fixed capital contribution			
Bank Deposit	Deposit at least USD 500,000 into a Turkish bank account			
Government Bond Investment	Minimu investment of USD 500,000 into government bonds			
Real Estate / Venture Capital	Invest at least USD 500,000 into a real estate investment fund or venture capital investment fund			
Create Employment Opportunities	Create employment opportunities for at least 50 people by investing in the capital stock of a Turkish company			

# Procedures And Time Frame For The Turkish Citizenship By Investment Program

Applying for the Turkish CBI Program involves several steps. The entire process typically takes around 120 days from the submission of the application to obtaining approval.

### ▶ REGISTER WITH LBA GLOBAL PARTNERS

Sign a retainer agreement with LBA Global Partners so we can help with your application process. We are a trusted facilitator of Citizenship by Investment programs.

## APPLY FOR A RESIDENCY PERMIT AND TURKISH TAX ID

You must apply for a residency permit on behalf of your family. You will also need to obtain a Turkish Tax ID.

## ▶ APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

You must apply to the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadaster of the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization for a certificate of eligibility to invest in real estate.

#### **OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT**

You must open a Turkish bank account to facilitate the investment.

#### MAKE THE INVESTMENT

Invest in your chosen method of Citizenship by Investment option. You must provide proof of investment.

#### **GATHER DOCUMENTS**

Work with LBA Global Partners to gather all essential documents. We will ensure that everything is properly arranged.

#### **SUBMISSION**

Once your documents are ready, we will forward your application to the Provincial Directorate of Census and Citizenship. We will manage all further communications regarding your application. An interview may be requested.

#### REVIEW

The Provincial Directorate of Census and Citizenship will review your application and perform due diligence checks on all applicants. If deemed acceptable, they will send a letter of approval within 120 days of receiving the application with the status approval in principle.

#### **RECEIVE YOUR PASSPORT**

You should receive your passport/s in the mail.

It's important to note that Turkish gift and inheritance taxes apply to worldwide assets held by Turkish citizens. Seeking professional advice on investment options in this matter is highly recommended. With proper guidance and by meeting the eligibility criteria, investors can successfully navigate the Turkish CBI Program and enjoy the numerous benefits it offers.



# Benefits Of Turkish Citizenship By Investment Program

# **TURKEY ALLOWS DUAL CITIZENSHIP**

Turkey allows dual nationality which offers a significant advantage for international investors. As an investor who has acquired Turkish citizenship through the investment route, you are not required to give up your original nationality.

This is particularly beneficial to individuals who have significant business or personal obligations in their native nation.

However, it is important to check the laws in your own country; even though Turkish law doesn't restrict individuals from holding other nationalities along with Turkish citizenship, there may be limitations placed by the applicant's home country.

An important note on this arrangement is that foreign citizens will be excused from the mandatory military service in Turkey, whilst still enjoying all the benefits of being a full-fledged local citizen.

# **ROBUST ECONOMY**

Turkey has one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, with the GDP increasing by 5.4% between 2003 and 2022. It has shown particular signs of growth in sectors such as automotive, textiles, agricultural products, consumer electronics, and home appliances.

#### VISA-FREE TRAVEL

A Turkish passport grants you visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to over 110 countries including Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Russia, and Singapore. There is also the potential for visa-free travel to the EU in the coming months.

#### **DUTY-FREE AGREEMENT WITH THE EU**

The VAT on purchases outside of Turkey can be up to 20%, however, Turkish citizens are not required to pay any VAT on purchases from the EU except for certain products. An Admission Temporaire Roulette (ATR) Movement certificate is required to prove exemption from the customs duty.

#### ▶ 18 FREE ZONES

Manufacturing companies and certain export-oriented logistics services operating within Free Zones benefit from comprehensive tax relief, including 100% exemptions on corporate, income, VAT, customs duties, real estate taxes, and more.

### **EASY TO MOVE TO THE UK**

As a citizen of Turkey, you can enjoy a relatively straightforward path to residing and seeking employment in the UK. Your first step would be to secure a business person visa. Once this is in place, you can proceed with your relocation, and should you wish, you can later pursue British citizenship.

### LIFELONG CITIZENSHIP

The citizenship obtained via the investment scheme is lifelong and also inheritable, offering enduring stability and affluence for your descendants. This creates a foundation of benefits for your family's future.



Notably, achieving Turkish citizenship isn't limited purely to the investment route. Several other approaches can lead to the same outcome.

# MARRIAGE

If you're wedded to a Turkish citizen, this gives you a viable path to obtaining citizenship. After 3 years of marriage, you become eligible for the process.

# BIRTHRIGHT

Being a child of at least one Turkish parent also qualifies you for gaining Turkish nationality.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In case you've established employment in Turkey and have worked under contract continuously for 5 years or more, your eligibility toward acquiring residency is secured.

# NATURALIZATION PATHWAY

Living in Turkey with legal status for 5 consecutive years may qualify an individual for naturalization – another legitimate gateway to achieving citizenship.

# SPECIAL MERIT REWARDS

People who make outstanding contributions in fields such as science, sports, or culture within or outside Turkey are potential candidates who might be homered by the granting of Turkey's nationality.



# Turkish Citizenship By Investment FAQs

# What is the quickest way to get Turkish Citizenship?

The quickest way to obtain Turkish Citizenship is via the Citizenship by Investment Program. This requires a minimum investment of USD 400,000 and in most cases will reward you with a Turkish passport within 120 days.

# Can I get Turkish citizenship after 5 years?

While the Turkey CBI program allows you to obtain Turkish citizenship within approximately 120 days of submitting your application, you can also apply for Turkish CBI through naturalization. If you have legally and continuously resided in Turkey for at least 6 months each year for 5 years, you may be eligible to apply for Turkish citizenship through the naturalization process.

# Can foreigners get citizenship in Turkey?

Yes, foreign citizens can become Turkish citizens. Turkey offers a CBI Program that allows foreign investors to obtain Turkish citizenship by making a qualifying investment, such as purchasing real estate worth at least USD\$400,000 or investing USD\$500,000 in fixed capital contributions. Please note that dual citizenship is allowed in Turkey, but you should check with your home country to see if it also permits dual Turkish CBI.

# What is the cheapest way to gain Citizenship by Investment in Turkey?

The cheapest way to gain citizenship by Investment is to invest a minimum of USD 400,000 into purchasing property or land in Turkey. Land registry fees, stamp duty, legal fees, and title deed transfer costs will be additional costs.

# Do I have to invest in real estate to gain Citizenship by Investment?

No, there are 6 other ways that you can invest in Turkey to achieve citizenship. The options include investing a minimum of USD 500,000 into capital investment, government bonds, venture capital investment funds, private pension system, or creating at least 50 jobs for Turkish citizens.

# What are the required documents for Turkish Citizenship By Investment?

The required documents for Turkish citizenship by the capital investment include the following:

- 1. Birth certificates of all applicants.
- 2. Passports of each applicant.
- 3. Proof of residence (recent utility statement).
- 4. Biometric, colored passport photos of each applicant.
- 5. Marriage certificate (if applicable).
- 6. Death or divorce certificate of spouse (if applicable).
- 7. Proof that all applicants have a clean criminal record.
- 8. Proof of Health Insurance (valid in Turkey).
- 9. Proof of investment of at least USD 400,000 into a Turkish bank account, real estate investment office, or lawyer's client account (depending on the chosen investment option).
- 10. Turkish Tax ID Number.

Please note that some documents may require official translations and certifications.



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