

PASSPORT LAW¹

Law No. : 5682
Date of Acceptance : 15/7/1950
Published in Official Gazette : Date: 24/7/1950 No.: 7564
Published in Code : Series: 3 Volume: 31 Page: 2243

Entry – exit gates

Article 1 – (Amended: 19/6/1984 – Decree Law 240; Accepted as is: 7/11/1984 – Art. 3073/1)

Turkish citizens and foreigners may enter and exit Türkiye through the passenger entry and exit gates designated by the President.²

The opinion of the Ministry of Interior shall be taken into consideration in the opening of customs gates.

Obligation to have a passport or credentials substituting a passport:

Article 2 – (Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Accepted as is: 7/11/1984 – Art. 3073/2)

Turkish citizens and foreigners shall present a duly valid passport or valid credentials substituting a passport to the police authorities at the passenger entry and exit gates in order to enter and leave Türkiye.

Entry or exit procedures shall be completed by police authorities in order for customs and other procedures to be carried out.

The Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs shall be authorised to jointly decide on what documents, other than those determined by law and international agreements, may be accepted as valid instead of passports for Turkish citizens and foreigners.

Turkish citizens arriving without a passport or any credentials:

Article 3 – Those who arrive at the borders of Türkiye without a passport or any credentials, or with a passport or credentials that are not duly or validly issued, and claim Turkish citizenship, shall be admitted to Türkiye:

A) If they present their Republic of Türkiye identity card or identity certificate and it is proved that said document belongs to them;

¹ (a) Pursuant to Article 12 of the Free Zones Law No. 3218 dated 6/6/1985, the provisions of this Law shall not apply in the places where the said Law is applied.

(b) The provisions of this Law regarding fees were repealed by Article 126 of Law No. 5887 dated 25/2/1952 and fees within the scope of this Law were regulated by Law No. 492 dated 17/7/1964.

² With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 700 dated 2/7/2018, the phrase “by the Council of Ministers upon the proposal of the Ministry of Interior” in this paragraph has been amended as “by the President”.

B) For those who present credentials or evidence other than the identity card, if the value of these documents or evidence is assessed by the police and it is concluded that they are Turkish citizens.

The persons referred to in paragraph (B) above may, if necessary, be sent to the nearest administrative centre and reside in the place indicated by the local administrative authority until their citizenship is duly established by the most expeditious means.

Those whose Turkish citizenship is not recognised shall be turned away.

Foreigners arriving without passports or credentials:

Article 4 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Obligation to obtain an entry visa:

Article 5 - (Repealed first paragraph: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

(Repealed second paragraph: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Turkish citizens are not obliged to obtain a visa to enter Türkiye.

Exemption from Visa:

Article 6 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Exit visa:

Article 7 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Persons prohibited from entering Türkiye:

Article 8 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Retaliation:

Article 9 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Exceptional facilities regarding passports and visas:

Article 10 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Exceptional measures in times of war and extraordinary circumstances:

Article 11 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013- Art. 6458/124)

Types and fees of passports and credentials and authorities authorised to issue these documents:

Article 12 - Passports to be issued in the name of the Republic of Türkiye and credentials authorised to replace them are as follows:

A) Passports:

I - Diplomatic passports;

II - Special passports;

III - Service passports;

IV - Regular passports (may be individual or joint);

V - Passports for foreigners.

B) (**Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/3**) Valid credentials substituting passports:

I. Border-passes, administrative letters and border entry documents,

II. Seaman's book, certificates issued to officers and crew of railway and air transport vehicles,

III. Travel document and similar documents.

Diplomatic passports:^{1 2}

Article 13 - Diplomatic passports shall be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassies and legations of the Republic of Türkiye in foreign countries.

Diplomatic passports shall be issued to those who go on temporary duty or travel, depending on the nature of their duties or travels, for one trip only or for a maximum of two years and also to those who are on permanent duty, valid for a period to be determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

(Amended: 28/5/1988 - Art. 3463/1) Diplomatic passports shall be issued to members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, to vice presidents and ministers, to the president and members of the Constitutional Court, to the chief and vice chief of the Court of Cassation, the Council of State, the Military Court of Cassation, the Supreme Military Administrative Court, the Court of Appeal, the Court of Auditors, the Court of Accounts, the General Staff, to the Chief Public Prosecutor, to full generals, full admirals, former presidents, former presidents of legislative assemblies, former prime ministers, former vice presidents and former ministers, to former members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, (...) ⁹ to the Secretary General of the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, to Deputy Ministers and the President of Religious Affairs, to Governors, to Mayors of Metropolitan Municipalities, to those who have received the title of Ambassador and professional members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the President of Turks Abroad and Related Communities, to the President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency and the head of the Programme Coordination Office of this Agency abroad, to senior officials of the Presidency, to counsellors, attachés and their deputies employed at foreign missions of the Republic of Türkiye, to coordinators of religious services, to those who are sent to conduct official international negotiations on behalf of the government, to conclude contracts or to participate in international meetings, congresses and conferences, and to those who are sent on permanent or temporary assignments before foreign states or international organisations, and to political couriers.^{3 4 5 6 7 8 9}

¹ With Article 58 of Law No. 6009 dated 23/7/2010, the phrase “valid for a maximum of four years and, if necessary, renewed three times for the same periods” in the second paragraph of this Article was amended as “, valid for a period to be determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.”; and the phrase “to the Prime Minister’s chief counsellors with the title of ambassador and the Prime Minister’s foreign affairs advisors,” in the third paragraph of the same Article was amended as “to those who have received the title of ambassador” and inserted into the text.

² With Article 75 of Law No.6216 dated 30/3/2011, the phrase “the Constitutional Court,” in this Article has been amended as “the President and members of the Constitutional Court” and inserted into the text.

³ With Article 30 of Law No. 5978 dated 24/3/2010, after the phrase “professional members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs” the phrase “to the President of Turks Abroad and Related Communities,” was added to this paragraph and inserted into the text.

⁴ With Article 20 of Decree Law No. 656 dated 24/10/2011, the following phrase was added to this paragraph after the phrase “to the President of Turks Abroad and Related Communities,”: “to the President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency and the head of the Programme Coordination Office of this Agency abroad.”

⁵ With Article 41 of Law No. 6253 dated 1/12/2011, the phrase “to the Secretary General of the Presidency of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye” was added after the phrase “to the Secretary General of the Presidency” in this paragraph and was inserted into the text.

⁶ With Article 31 of Law No. 6360 dated 12/11/2012, the phrase “to Governors, to Mayors of Metropolitan Municipalities,” was added after the phrase “the President of Religious Affairs,” in this paragraph.

⁷ With Article 85 of Law No. 6552 dated 10/9/2014, the phrase “to coordinators of religious services,” was added after the phrase “attachés and their deputies employed at foreign missions of the Republic of Türkiye,” in this paragraph.

⁸ With Article 1 of Law No. 7103 dated 21/3/2018, the phrase “former ministers of foreign affairs,” in this paragraph has been amended as “former ministers, to former members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye.”

⁹ With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 700 dated 2/7/2018, the phrase “ministers who are not members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye” in this paragraph has been amended as “to vice presidents and ministers”, and the phrase “former vice presidents” has been added after the phrase “former prime ministers”. The phrase “to the Secretary General of the Presidency,” has been removed from the text of the Article, the phrase “undersecretaries of the Prime Ministry and ministries” has been amended as “deputy ministers” and the phrase “senior officials of the General Secretariat sent on an official mission” has been amended as “senior officials”.

(Amended: 25/2/1981 - Art. 2418/1) As long as the person who holds or is eligible to hold a diplomatic passport maintains their title or duty, it is possible to issue diplomatic passports to their spouses or to register their spouses in the companion section of their passports.

(Amended fifth paragraph: 23/7/2010- Art. 6009/58) As long as the title and duties of those who hold a diplomatic passport continue, their children who are minors, or their adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed and continue their education, until they reach the age of 25; as well as their adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed, and in need of constant care due to at least one physical, mental, or spiritual disability, as documented by a medical board report issued by official health institutions, shall be given a diplomatic passport that is valid for the same period as the passport of the beneficiary.¹

Diplomatic passports shall contain a continental photograph of their holders or, if applicable, of the persons registered in the companion section.

Diplomatic passports are not subject to any fees or charges.

Special passports

Article 14 - (Amended: OG-25/6/1958- Art. 7154/1)

A) **(Amended: 28/5/1988- Art. 3463/2)** Special passports;

(Amended paragraph: 22/8/1989-378 Decree Law/Art. 1) (...) ⁴ Shall be issued to civil servants and other public servants who are employed in first, second and third grade positions or are employed on a contractual basis by paying compensation for these positions or by being associated with the Republic of Türkiye Retirement Fund and docking their retirement deductions based on these grades, as well as to faculty members who work in foundation higher education institutions with at least 15 years of professional seniority and mayors who are entitled to retirement with a first grade position, when they go to foreign countries on any official duty other than those requiring the issuance of a diplomatic passport or when they go to foreign countries on their own account. **(Additional sentence: 19/10/2005- Art. 5411/168)** For the members of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Board and the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund Board and the faculty members working in foundation higher education institutions, the condition of being related to the Republic of Türkiye Retirement Fund and docking of pension deductions based on said grades is not required.^{2 5}

This type of passport shall also be issued to those who have left their positions due to retirement or resignation.

(Amended paragraph: 3/3/1993- Art. 3868/1) (...) ³, provincial and district mayors shall be granted a special passport during their term of office.

(Additional paragraph: 17/10/2019- Art. 7188/1) Lawyers who are registered in the Bar Association and have at least fifteen years of seniority may be issued a special passport, provided that they are not under investigation or prosecution for the offences defined in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Chapters of the Fourth Part of the Second Book of the Turkish Penal Code No. 5237 dated 26/9/2004 and for the offences covered by the Anti-Terrorism Law No. 3713 dated 12/4/1991. The procedures and principles regarding this matter shall be determined by a regulation to be enacted by the Ministry of Interior upon the favourable opinion of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice.

Spouses of those who are eligible for a special passport shall also be issued the same type of passport. Widows of those who died while being entitled to receive a special passport may also be issued a special passport, provided they did not marry someone else.

¹ With Article 1 of Law No. 6462 dated 25/4/2013, the phrase "invalidities" in this paragraph has been amended as "disabilities".

² With Article 86 of Law No. 6552 dated 10/9/2014, the phrase "public officials" in this paragraph has been amended as "public officials and mayors who are entitled to retirement with a first grade position".

³ With Article 31 of Law No. 6360 dated 12/11/2012, the expression "Metropolitan" in this paragraph has been removed from the text of the article.

⁴ With Article 1 of Law No. 7103 dated 21/3/2018, the phrase "former members of the Grand National Assembly of Türkiye, former ministers and" in this paragraph has been removed from the text of the article.

⁵ With Article 22 of Law No. 7243 dated 15/4/2020, the phrase "as well as to faculty members who work in foundation higher education institutions with at least 15 years of professional seniority" was added in this paragraph, and the phrase "and the faculty members working in foundation higher education institutions" was added after the phrase "Savings Deposit Insurance Fund Board".

(Amended paragraph: 23/7/2010- Art. 6009/58) For persons who are eligible for a special passport, the same type of passport shall be issued to their children who are minors, or their adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed and continue their education, until they reach the age of 25; as well as their adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed, and in need of constant care due to at least one physical, mental, or spiritual disability, as documented by a medical board report issued by official health institutions.¹

(Additional paragraph: 15/7/2016- Art. 6728/7) In the classification made according to annual average export values, company officials whose annual average export amount in the last three years is above the value determined by the President may be granted a special passport valid for four years, according to the principles determined by the President, even if the periods specified in Article 53 of the Turkish Penal Code have passed, and even if they have been sentenced to imprisonment for one year or more or have been pardoned for a crime committed intentionally, provided that they have not been convicted of crimes against the security of the state, crimes against the constitutional order and the functioning of this order, embezzlement, bribery, theft, fraud, forgery, breach of trust, fraudulent bankruptcy, bid rigging, tampering with the performance of an act, laundering of criminal assets or smuggling.^{2 3}

B) (Amended: RG-25/2/1981- Art. 2418/2) Service Passports;

Shall be issued by the Government, private administrations or municipalities to those who cannot be granted a diplomatic or special passport in accordance with this Law, when they are employed abroad on official duty.

The same type of passport shall be issued to those who work as civil servants in international organisations of which the Republic of Türkiye is a member, and to those employed by the Turkish Aeronautical Association and the Turkish Red Crescent Society.

(Amended paragraph: 23/7/2010- Art. 6009/58) The spouses of service passport holders, their minor children or their unmarried adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed and continue their education, shall also be issued the same type of passport until they reach the age of 25; as well as their adult children who live with them, are not married, not employed, and in need of constant care due to at least one physical, mental, or spiritual disability, as documented by a medical board report issued by official health institutions.¹

C) (Amended: RG-7/11/1984- Art. 3073/4) Special and Service Passports;

Shall be issued by the Ministry of Interior upon the application of the authorised officer of the authority to which the applicant belongs. Such passports may also be issued by the embassies and legations of the Republic of Türkiye with the consent of the Ministry of Interior and upon the instruction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the same conditions. The same written application is also required for the issuance of special or service stamped passports to the spouses and children mentioned in subparagraphs "A" and "B" above, as well as for the registration of children in the companion section. Those who have left their positions due to retirement or withdrawal shall apply directly to the Ministry of Interior with documents showing their situation in order to obtain a special passport.

(Amended paragraph: 28/5/1988- Art. 3463/2) (Amended first sentence: 23/7/2010- Art. 6009/58) Special passports shall be valid for a period of not less than six months to be determined by the Ministry of Interior, and service passports shall be valid for a period of not less than six months to be determined by the Ministry of Interior according to the duration of the passport holder's duty.

Special passports shall be issued for a period of not less than six months to be determined by the Ministry of Interior; passports with service stamps shall be issued for a period of not less than six months to be determined by the Ministry of Interior according to the duration of the passport holder's duty. The expired passports may be renewed five times for the same periods by the embassies and legations of the Republic of Türkiye upon the application process written in the first paragraph of this subparagraph, the consent of the Ministry of Interior and the instruction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The photographs of the holders of these passports and, if any, of those registered in the companion section shall be affixed to the passport.

¹ With Article 1 of Law No. 6462 dated 25/4/2013, the phrase "invalidities" in this paragraph has been amended as "disabilities".

² With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 700 dated 2/7/2018, the phrase "the Council of Ministers" in this paragraph has been changed as "the President" and the phrase "by the Council of Ministers" has been changed as "by the President".

³ With Article 12 of Law No. 7196 dated 6/12/2019, the phrase "two" in this paragraph has been amended as "four".

Ordinary passports:

Article 15 - (Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 – Art. 3073/5)

Individual and joint passports of Turkish citizens shall be issued in Türkiye by the Ministry of Interior or by the governorates according to the authorisation given by the Minister of Interior, and in foreign countries by the consulates of the Republic of Türkiye.

If demanded by the passport holder, their minor daughters and sons shall be registered in the companion section of the passport.

Persons listed in the companion section may not travel with the passport unless they are accompanied by the person in whose name the passport has been issued.

(Amended fourth paragraph: 23/7/2010 - Art. 6009/58) Ordinary passports for the general public shall be issued for the periods to be determined by the Ministry of Interior, without prejudice to the exceptions written in the Law and for a period of not less than six months.

(Repealed fifth paragraph: 3/3/1993 - Art. 3868/2)

The passports of Turkish citizens who are summoned to the country to perform their military service or are found to be destitute in foreign countries shall be extended for one month in order to ensure their return to Türkiye. Those who do not have a passport shall be issued a travel document for one month.

Joint ordinary passports:

Article 16 - (Amended first paragraph: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/6) Turkish citizens who wish to travel in a group and constitute a group of at least 5 persons shall be issued a joint ordinary passport upon demand.

(Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 - 3073/6 Art.) These passports shall be valid for 3 months, 6 months and 1 year from the date of issue.

These passports shall be issued in the same manner as ordinary passports for individuals, with the addition of a list of photographs of the members of the group.

When travelling with this passport, those who leave the group shall be obliged to obtain a separate passport.

(Repealed provisions regarding fees: 25/2/1952 - Art. 5887/126 - e)

Passports to be issued to persons whose travels are of a nature to provide a cultural, commercial or social benefit for Türkiye, and to teachers, students and athletes who will travel as a group to carry out scientific studies with the permission of the Ministry of National Education or to participate in sports contacts and competitions to be held in foreign countries shall not be subject to any fees.

Requirements for obtaining an ordinary passport:

Article 17 - A) (Amended first paragraph: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Accepted as is: 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/7) (Amended first paragraph: 3/10/2016 - Decree Law - Art. 676/10; Accepted as is: 1/2/2018 - Art. 7070/10) The Ministry of Interior shall determine the places of application and the documents to be demanded of those who wish to obtain an ordinary passport.

Persons who apply to the consulate where they are registered in foreign countries are issued passports based on their records in the consular registry. In case persons applying to another consulate do not present their identity certificates in addition to their certificates of nationality other than their old passports, this consulate may postpone the issuance of the passport pending such investigation as it deems necessary.

B) (Repealed: 3/3/1993 - Art. 3868/2)

Minors and wards:

C) In order for minors and wards to obtain a passport for travelling alone, they shall present a credential certified by an official authority with the consent of their legal representatives.

D) (Repealed: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/7)

E) (Addition: 6/12/2019 - Art. 7196/69) Custody or guardianship decisions issued by foreign judicial or administrative authorities may be accepted in passport applications at the foreign representative offices of the Republic of Türkiye in the countries where the decision was issued.

Passports "for foreigners":

Article 18 - Persons who are deemed to be stateless or who are deemed necessary by the Ministry of Internal Affairs to be subjected to the treatments applied to de facto stateless persons in terms of their residence and travel due to the fact that their nationality status is not regular, shall be granted, if necessary, by the decision of the said Ministry, a passport "for foreigners", which does not imply any meaning in terms of acquiring Turkish citizenship or the acquisition of any rights in favour of the holder thereof.

This passport is of two types:

A) Passports valid only for one entry into or one exit from Türkiye

These passports, which will cease to be valid upon entry into Turkey if issued for entry, or upon arrival in the country specified in the annotation if issued for exit from Turkey, shall be used by their holders by leaving the country within one month from the date of issuance. Otherwise, the passport shall be renewed.

B) (Amended first paragraph: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/8) (Amended first paragraph: 23/7/2010 - Art. 6009/58) Passports issued for one departure and arrival shall be valid for a period not less than three months and for a period to be determined at the discretion of the Ministry of Interior.

Passports of both types shall be issued by the Ministry of the Interior and, in foreign countries, by the consular authorities of the Republic of Türkiye upon the demand or approval of the Ministry of the Interior and in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

If two months have elapsed since the date of expiration of the passports of the type referred to in paragraph (A) above, their renewal shall be subject to the decision of the Ministry of the Interior.

The passport holder's sons or daughters who have the same nationality, are minors and not employed may be registered in the companion section of the passport. The same procedure may also be applied to a wife who is of the same nationality as her husband.

Those registered in the companion section cannot use that passport unless they are travelling with the passport holder.

These passports shall contain a photograph of the passport holder and, if any, of each of the persons registered in the companion section.

Fees

(Repealed provisions regarding fees: 25/2/1952 - Art. 5887/126)

Border passes and similar documents:

Article 19 - Border passes or similar documents shall be issued to Turkish citizens to be used instead of passports within the border zones of both the Republic of Turkey and its border countries. Their form, method of issue, validity period and to whom they shall be issued shall be determined jointly by the Ministries of Interior and Ministry of Foreign Affairs in accordance with the provisions of the agreements concluded or to be concluded between the Republic of Türkiye and the relevant States.

Fees

These credentials are not subject to passport fees but to fees and duties in accordance with their special tariffs.

Credentials issued to the officers and crew of transport vehicles transporting out of Türkiye:

Article 20 - (Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 17/11/1984 - Art. 3073/9)

A "Seaman's Book" with a photograph shall be duly issued by the regional harbour and maritime affairs directorates to Turkish citizen crew members of Turkish ships sailing outside the territorial waters of Türkiye,

A "Cabin Crew Member Certificate" with a photograph shall be duly and properly issued to the officers and crew members of international airline transport vehicles by their administrations in accordance with the relevant agreements,

A "Railway Personnel Identity Certificate" with a photograph shall be duly and properly issued to the officers and crew of international railway transport vehicles by the competent authorities in accordance with the relevant agreements.

(Amended paragraph: 3/10/2016 - Decree Law Art. 676/11; Adopted as is: 1/2/2018 - Art. 7070/11) Railway personnel identity certificates shall not be used as passports unless they are certified by the competent authorities stipulated in the relevant agreements. Institutions and organisations authorised to issue a seaman's book and cabin crew member certificate shall be obliged to confirm the status of the persons concerned within the scope of Article 22 of this Law from the competent authority.

The form and content of the documents to be issued to seamen and cabin crew shall be determined jointly by the Ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs, and Transport.

Officers and crews of foreign ships, international air and railway transport vehicles may enter and exit Turkish territorial waters and port cities on a reciprocal basis with their credentials duly and properly issued by the competent authorities.

Conditions for issuing valid credentials instead of passports:

Article 21 - (Amended: 19/6/1984 - Decree Law 240; Adopted as is: 7/11/1984 – Art. 3073/10)

The provisions of Articles 7, 17 and 22 shall apply to the issuance of the credentials referred to in Articles 19 and 20.

*Cases where the issuance of passports or credentials is prohibited:*²

Article 22 - (Amended: 28/5/1988 - Art. 3463/3)

Passports or travel documents shall not be issued to (...) ¹ those who are banned from travelling abroad by the courts, or to those whose departure from the country is determined by the Ministry of Interior to be inconvenient for general security, and those who are founders or managers of or work for all kinds of education, training and health institutions, as well as foundations, associations or companies abroad, which are determined by the Ministry of Interior to be affiliated, associated or connected to terrorist organisations. However, passports or travel documents substituting passports may be issued to those mentioned above with the approval of the President in cases of necessity, except for those who are prohibited by the courts from travelling to foreign countries. ^{1 2 3}

The clear identity of such persons (name, surname, place and date of birth, mother's and father's name, and place of registration) and the reason for the restriction shall be notified by the relevant authorities to the local police authorities.

As soon as the relevant police authorities receive this information, they shall notify it in writing by the fastest means of communication through the provincial police directorate to the police directorates at the border gates, to the provincial police directorate where the person is registered and to the Turkish National Police.

¹ With Article 16 of Law No. 5766 dated 4/6/2000, the phrase “, those who are notified to the passport issuing authorities that they owe tax” in this paragraph has been removed from the text of the article.

² With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 674 dated 15/8/2016, the phrase “and those who are founders or managers of or work for all kinds of education, training and health institutions, as well as foundations, associations or companies abroad, which are determined by the Ministry of Interior to be affiliated, associated or connected to terrorist organisations” was added to the first paragraph of this article, after the phrase “for general security”, and this provision was later adopted and enacted into law with Article 23 of Law No. 6758 dated 10/11/2016.

³ With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 700 dated 2/7/2018, the phrase “with the approval of the Minister of Interior and the Prime Minister” in this paragraph has been amended as “with the approval of the President”.

These persons shall be prevented from travelling abroad and shall not be issued passports or documents, and if issued, they shall be withdrawn.

The expired passports of those who are prohibited from being issued a passport or who are prohibited from going abroad by the authorities mentioned in the first paragraph, and those whose stay abroad is determined to be detrimental to general security, shall not be renewed, and they shall be issued a travel document for their return to Türkiye.

Those who have lost their passport or passport substitute credentials and cannot justify this loss, and those who have been deported from the countries they are in, may not be issued a passport or credential, taking into account the reasons for their deportation from these countries.

Restriction or prohibition of travel of Turkish citizens:

Article 23 - (Amended: 25/2/1981 - Art. 2418/4)

The President may partially or completely prohibit Turkish citizens from travelling to foreign countries due to the danger of war or other extraordinary circumstances affecting national security or health, or may decide to issue passports valid only for certain countries for political and economic considerations.¹

Due to the danger of war, internal disturbances or epidemics which may occur in foreign countries, or for political or economic reasons, the authorities of the Republic of Türkiye authorised to issue passports in foreign countries may, with the instruction or consent of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, issue passports to Turkish citizens which shall be valid only for travel to certain countries.

(Repealed third paragraph: 31/3/2011 - Art. 6217/31)

Visa issuing authorities, types of visas and fees:

Article 24 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

The nature of the entry visa:

Article 25 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Non-nationals:

Article 26 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Article 27 - The visas of diplomatic passports of foreigners and passports corresponding to special and service passports stipulated in this law shall not be subject to any fees or charges.

Entry Visa

Single entry visa:

Article 28 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Transit visa:

Article 29 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Article 30 - 31 - (Repealed: 25/2/1952 - Art. 5887/126 - e)

Exit visa:

Article 32 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

¹ With Article 23 of Decree Law No. 700 dated 2/7/2018, the phrase "The Council of Ministers" in this paragraph has been changed to "The President".

Penal provisions:

Article 33 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Article 34 - (Amended: 31/3/2011 - Art. 6217/8)¹

Citizens who somehow enter the borders of the Republic of Türkiye without a passport shall be imposed an administrative fine from one thousand Turkish Liras to three thousand Turkish Liras. **(Repealed second sentence: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)**

Article 35 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Article 36 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 – Art. 6458/124)

Article 37 - (Repealed: 25/2/1952 – Art. 5887/126 - e)

Article 38 - (Repealed: 4/4/2013 – Art. 6458/124)

Article 39 - Except for law No. 5654, the passport law No. 3519 and its annexes are hereby repealed.

Additional Article 1 - (Provision of Additional art. introduced by 24/3/1950 - Art. 5654/1 and numbered for sequentiality; repealed: 28/5/1988 - Art. 3463/5)

Additional Article 2 - (Provision of Additional Art. 1 adopted as is by 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/12 added by 19/6/1984 - Decree Law No. 240/Art. 12 and the article number has been renumbered accordingly for sequentiality.)

The principles regarding the implementation of the Passport Law, the determination of the form and content of passports, and the issuance of passports and documents valid in lieu of passports shall be specified in a regulation to be prepared under the coordination of the Ministry of Interior, and the participation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Finance and Customs.

Additional Article 3 - (Provision of Additional Art. 2 adopted as is by 7/11/1984 - Art. 3073/12 added by 19/6/1984 - Decree Law No. 240/Art. 12 and the article number has been renumbered accordingly for sequentiality.)

For the fees and charges included in the Passport Law, the provisions of Law No. 492 on Fees related to passports shall apply.

Additional Article 4 - (Addition: 28/5/1988 - Art. 3463/4)

Civil servants who are in the first, second and third grade positions as civil servants and who are entitled to receive a Special Passport as well as civil servants who carry the titles and/or ranks of military officers and non-commissioned officers, but who retired or left without obtaining first, second and third grade positions, shall be given a Special Passport by taking the precedent of those who are entitled to receive a Special Passport today in terms of their length of service in the civil service, the titles and/or ranks they carry.

Additional Article 5 - (Additional: 28/5/1988 - Art. 3463/4; Repealed: 4/4/2013 - Art. 6458/124)

Additional Article 6 - (Additional: 23/7/2010 - Art. 6009/59)

In electronic passports the companion section shall not be used to register another person; these passports shall not be renewed and joint e-passports shall not be issued.

Additional Article 7 - (Additional: 17/10/2019 - Art. 7188/2) (Annulled: By the Constitutional Court's decision dated 3/6/2021, M: 2019/114, D: 2021/36).

¹ By Article 123 of Law No. 6458 dated 4/4/2013, the phrase "citizens and foreigners" in this Article has been amended as "citizens".

Provisional Article 1 - (Addition: Provision of Provisional art. introduced by 11/5/1976 - Art. 2009/2 and numbered for sequentiality.)

The validity period of passports issued for workers currently working in foreign countries shall be extended for up to five years upon application at the end of the validity period, unless the worker demands a shorter extension. The spouse and children of the worker shall also benefit from this provision.

Article 40 - This Law shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Article 41 - The provisions of this Law shall be executed by the Council of Ministers.

PROVISIONS THAT CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN MAIN LAW NO. 5682 DATED 15/7/1950

1 - Provisional article of Law No. 3073 dated 7/11/1984:

Provisional Article - The authority to issue Decree Laws granted to the Council of Ministers by the Authorisation Bill No. 2977 on the Reorganisation of Administrative Procedures and Proceedings dated 2/2/1984 shall be valid for the Passport Law No. 5682 dated 15/7/1950 until the end of the period granted by the aforementioned Bill.

**LIST SHOWING THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE LEGISLATION
INTRODUCING ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO LAW NO. 5682**

Amending Law/ Decree Law No.	Amended or annulled articles of Law No. 5682	Date of Entry into Force
5654	—	31/3/1950
5887	—	25/2/1952
6770	—	11/7/1956
7154	—	4/7/1958
216	—	12/1/1961
2009	—	26/5/1976
2418	—	27/2/1981
Decree Law/240	—	9/9/1984
3073	—	20/11/1984
Decree Law - 253	—	28/2/1986
3280	—	6/5/1986
3463	—	14/6/1988
Decree Law/378	—	8/11/1989
3868	—	9/3/1993
4358	—	4/4/1998
5411	14	1/11/2005

Amending Law/ Decree Law No.	Amended or annulled articles of Law No. 5682	Date of Entry into Force
5766	22	6/6/2008
5978	13	6/4/2010
6009	13, 14, 15, 18 and Additional Article 6	1/8/2010
6216	13	3/4/2011
6217	23, 33, 34, 35, 38	14/4/2011
Decree Law/656	13	2/11/2011
6253	13	18/12/2011
6360	13, 14	6/12/2012
6462	13, 14	3/5/2013
6458	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, Additional Article 5	One year after the date 11/4/2013 (11/4/2014)
6552	13, 14	11/9/2014
6728	14	9/8/2016
Decree Law/674	22	1/9/2016
Decree Law/676	17, 20	29/10/2016
6758	22	24/11/2016
7070	17, 20	8/3/2018
7103	13,14	27/3/2018
Decree Law/700	1, 13, 14, 22, 23	The date the President took office by taking the oath as a result of the Turkish Grand National Assembly and Presidential elections held together on 24/6/2018. (9/7/2018)
7188	14, Additional Article 7	24/10/2019
7196	14, 17	24/12/2019
7243	14	17/4/2020
By the Constitutional Court's decision dated 3/6/2021, M: 2019/114, D: 2021/36	Additional Article 7	14/7/2022