

## Visa information sheet for residents of the Republic of Iraq

- All documents have to be translated into English by a sworn translator (Yeminli Tercüman) in Turkey

One application form duly completed: in English, German, French, or Italian; personally signed by the applicant

- Processing time for applications: 10-14 calendar days after submitting documents
- Personal appearance is mandatory (except for children under 12)

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

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Signed passport, issued within ten preceding years, valid at least three months beyond the planned stay in the Schengen states and containing at least two empty pages
One copy of the applicant's passport: pages 1–4; last page; all pages showing extension of validity; all pages with previously obtained visas
Two recent and identical, biometric passport-size pictures
Visa application fee: EUR 60, children age 6 to 12: EUR 35 (TRY equivalence)
Travel / health insurance; <b>minimum coverage EUR 30'000 valid for all Schengen states</b> for the whole period of the intended stay. The insurance policy must cover the costs for repatriation in case of disease, urgent medical expenses and/or hospitalization.
Flight reservation (roundtrip)
Hotel reservation or travel plan
Bank statement for the last three months
Employment certificate, stating the function, basic monthly salary, duration of employment and approval for leave or business trip
Students: confirmation of the school
Business: Invitation from the company in Switzerland, mentioning purpose and duration of stay, as well as who is paying for the travel expenses
Visitor's visa: Invitation from the host including copy of the Swiss residence permit or Swiss passport/Id-card
Medical treatment: Confirmation of hospital
Minors travelling without their legal representative(s) must bring an authorization of their legal representative(s) legalized by a notary

## Additional information:

The Visa Section informs the applicant about the procedure in case a sponsorship declaration is considered necessary. It is recommended to apply well in advance, as the decision of the competent Federal Office for Migration in Switzerland might take 2-4 weeks. A benevolent sponsorship declaration gives no claim to a visa.

The Consulate General of Switzerland reserves the right to request additional documents and/or to summon the applicant for an interview.

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