

Bi-Weekly News for KU's International Community

The latest news, views and announcements

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Booster Shots Available

As of the past week, those who received their last COVID-19 vaccination **3 months ago** are eligible for a third dose of the Sinovac or BioNTech/ Pfizer vaccines.

Checking Eligibility:

You can check your vaccination eligibility through SMS or the e-Nabız platform. To learn more about it, please visit our [website/ news/ covid-19-vaccine/](#) section.

Booking an Appointment:

MHRS (Central Physician Appointment System)

To get vaccinated at a hospital, you may book an appointment by using your [e-Devlet account](#). The MHRS system is available both as an [app](#) and a [website](#).

You can also receive the vaccine **without an appointment** at mobile vaccination sites allocated around the city.

To learn more about it, please visit our [website/ news/ covid-19-vaccine/](#) section.

Make sure to have your passport, residence permit, and HES Code with you when visiting a vaccination unit.

For detailed information regarding this process:

ANNOUNCEMENT PAGE



Residence Permit Document Submission

ICO will be accepting the residence permit (RP) application documents on **Monday, 17 January from 10 AM to 5 PM.**

Document submission is in person to our office.
ICO is in the Student Center, Lower 3rd Floor, Room B398.



Important notes:

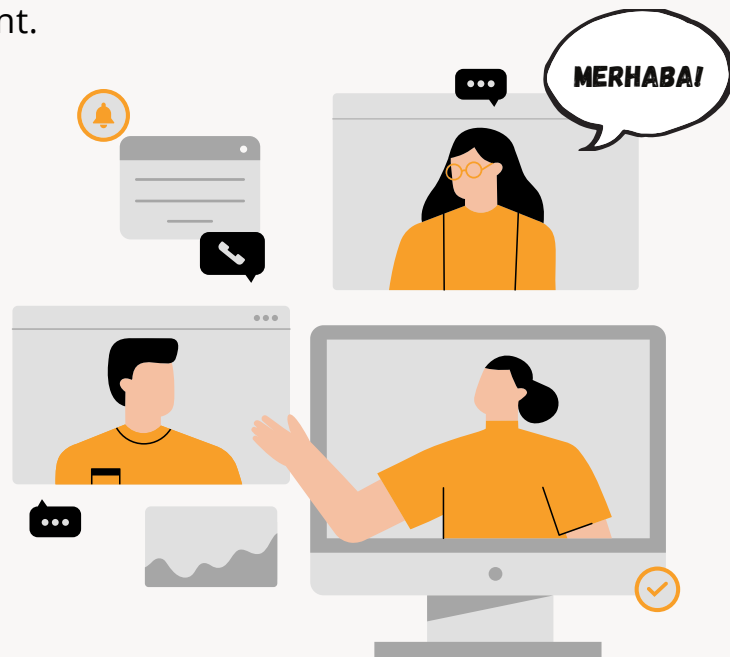
- Before the submission date, you should fill out the [Document Submission Form](#) and you should show the screenshot of the filled form while submitting your documents to the ICO.
- You can [renew your SRP](#) if there is 60 days or less time to the expiration of your SRP.
- **Late submissions will not be accepted.** Please mind the document submission date and time. Missing the deadline means waiting for the next document submission date.
- **Applications with missing documents or data will not be accepted.** Please make sure you double-check the list of required documents on our [website](#). Having a missing document will cause you to wait until next month's document submission period. If your visa/visa exemption period expires, this delay may result in a fine that you will need to pay. Therefore, it is very important to make sure your documents are complete.
- It is mandatory to use a **biometric (in ICAO standards) photograph** in the residence permit applications. You can find the ICAO standards on our [website](#), in the list of required documents on the relevant pages.
- You should stay in Turkey until your application gets evaluated. If you depart before, your application will get rejected automatically.
- If you are making a late application, please make sure that you write and attach a **letter of excuse** in Turkish (Template can be found on our website, in the list of required documents on the relevant pages.)
- Please mind the [campus entry regulations](#) to enter campus.

Turkish Practice Hours

Fall '21 sessions are still on!

Since October, we have been holding our Turkish Practice Hours on Zoom every Wednesday. It has been a great opportunity for our international community members to practice their Turkish conversational skills in a friendly environment.

You are welcome to join us and practice your Turkish conversational skills with fellow KU students and staff!



Every Wednesday

Beginners: 4-5 PM

Intermediate/ Advanced: 1-2 PM

Interested in Joining the Sessions?

1. **Subscribe to the TPH mailing list** to receive related meeting details. You can subscribe by filling out the [subscription form](#). Please make sure your KU Gmail account is accessible.
2. **Follow [this WhatsApp group link](#)** and type “Merhaba!” (“Hello!” in Turkish) to your new friends in the group and introduce yourself. Our volunteers will welcome you.

Important Note: TPH is available **ONLY** for KU affiliates, their family members, students from [UNIC Partner Universities](#)!

For more information: ico.ku.edu.tr/get-involved/learn-practice-turkish/

New Year Spirit



Important Note:

There will be no classes, homework, or exams on December 31st, 2021 at KU **except for** Medical School students in the 4th, 5th & 6th years. All academic and administrative personnel (**except** those at Topkapı Hospital Campus) will be on administrative leave too.



Zorlu Center - New Year Village

For the seventh year in a row, Zorlu Center is hosting its annual New Year Village, with colorful designs and unique kiosks for festive holiday shopping.

A cozy warm village with countless special presents, fun concerts, and much more await you until 31 December between noon- 9 PM.

Warning Regarding Bootleg Alcohol

The Istanbul Governorate announced Friday that 22 people have died from bootleg alcohol poisoning lately. The city now has the highest fatalities from the deadly epidemic, which claimed 42 lives in the last two weeks.

Experts repeatedly warn drinkers not to buy from unlicensed sellers or attempt to distill their drinks at home with unfamiliar materials.

[Article by Daily Sabah](#)



New Platform by the Presidency of Migration Management:



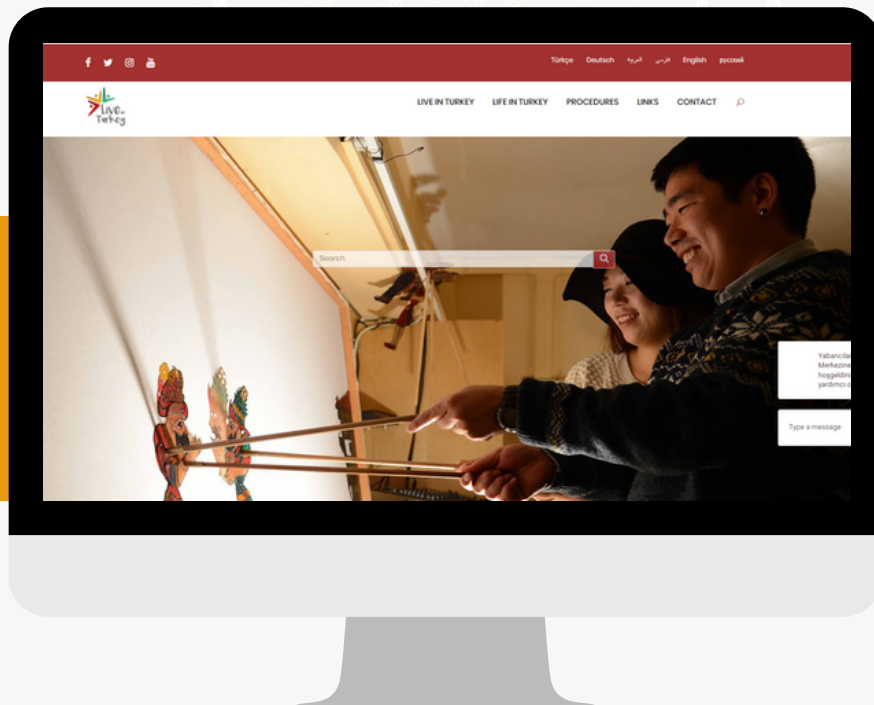
REPUBLIC OF TURKEY MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
**PRESIDENCY OF
MIGRATION
MANAGEMENT**

The Presidency of Migration Management established an online platform for the international people who are planning to move to or already living in Turkey.

The platform aims to inform those international people in Turkey for different reasons such as education, work, and tourism on Turkey's health, education, finance, and legal system. Additionally, it provides essential guidelines and hints about working life, social life, housing, state structure, and more to ease the transformation process.

*The platform is available in 6 different languages:
Turkish, English, German, Russian, Persian, Arabic*

<https://liveinturkey.gov.tr/>



Upcoming Events

24 Dec 2021 - 6 Jan 2022

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- Weds** **Turkish Practice Hours (TPH)** →
- 24-26** Christmas Market - Galataport →
- 24-31** New Year Village - Zorlu Center →
- 28** Law School UNIV 101 Seminar - Democracy without Taxation →
- 31** New Year's Party: Welcome 2022 by Yabangee →



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