

THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF TURKMENISTAN

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On the order of processing of visa related documents for entry, exit and stay in Turkmenistan

For the purpose of improvement of the order of entry, exit and stay of foreign citizens in Turkmenistan, exit of the citizens of Turkmenistan from Turkmenistan abroad as well as for the purpose of strengthening of the regulations **I decree:**

1. To approve the order of entry, exit and stay of foreign citizens and stateless persons in Turkmenistan.

The citizens of foreign states and stateless persons as well as legal entities and natural persons inviting them shall apply to diplomatic representatives or to the consulate departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs abroad in order to register their invitations.

The diplomatic representatives and consulate services of Turkmenistan abroad as well as consulate departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan shall forward the documents they have received to the Committee on Control of Registration of Invitations.

The Committee on Control of Registration of Invitations shall organize verification of documents in the appropriate order and on its completion shall make a decision to grant or deny permit for a person to arrive to Turkmenistan.

On the basis of the decisions of the Committee on Control of Registration of Invitations diplomatic representatives and consulate services of Turkmenistan abroad as well as consulate departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan shall register or deny registration of invitations to enter Turkmenistan.

The Committee on Control of Registration of Invitations shall inform the State Service of Turkmenistan for Registration of Foreign Citizens on its decisions in order for the information to be entered into the information database.

The Departments of Control of Entry and Exit of the departments of the State Service of Turkmenistan for Registration of Foreign Citizens located on the state border of Turkmenistan shall register foreign citizens and stateless persons at the point of their arrival.

On their arrival to Turkmenistan foreign citizens and stateless persons shall fill out their entry-exit documents (samples of the documents are attached hereto). There are three types of entry-exit documents: for transit, standard documents and documents for simplified form of entry. Two copies of entry-exit documents shall be filled out, one of which shall be submitted to the Department of Entry and Exit Control, the other copy shall be submitted to the Department of Entry and Exit Control at the time of exit from Turkmenistan. In the event of loss of entry-exit document its copy can be obtained only at the Department of Entry and Exit Control at the point of entry.

Foreign citizens and stateless persons entering Turkmenistan on a simplified form of processing shall exit Turkmenistan at the point of entry through one of the Departments of Entry and Exit Control.

Information on persons arriving to Turkmenistan shall be forwarded by the appropriate Departments of Entry and Exit Control to etrap, velayat and city departments of the State Service of Turkmenistan for Registration of Foreign Citizens and to the central departments of accumulation and examination of information where control for stay of foreign citizens and stateless persons in Turkmenistan shall be organized.

2. The Ministry of Economy and Finances of Turkmenistan shall allocate funds to the State Border Guard Service of Turkmenistan for preparation of entry-exit documents.
3. On the 1 day of March (Nowruz) of the year 2003 registration of permits for the citizens of Turkmenistan traveling abroad shall be reinstated.
4. At the time of exit from Turkmenistan when crossing the State Border of Turkmenistan a person shall have to have a permit in his passport for exit as well as a permit to enter the country where he intends to travel unless a different procedure was established by international treaties. If a citizen of Turkmenistan is traveling with a service or diplomatic passport then a permit for exit is not required.

In special cases citizens of Turkmenistan shall be allowed to exit the country if according to the laws of Turkmenistan and international treaties at the time of exit from Turkmenistan they are permitted to exit through the State Border of Turkmenistan and hold documents registered in the established order which certify the possibility to obtain a permit to enter the country to which the citizen of Turkmenistan is traveling.

5. Temporary restrictions may be applied to the citizens in possession of state secrets, citizens against whom criminal proceedings were instituted, who were convicted, against whom a civil law suit was brought to court, citizens avoiding the court rulings, drafted for military service, citizens who submitted false information about themselves.
6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan:

In association with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Turkmenistan, the Ministry of National Security of Turkmenistan, State Border Guard Service of Turkmenistan and the Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan shall develop and approve an manual on registration of documents for exit abroad.

Shall prepare and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan and coordinate with the Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan proposals on consulate fees for registration of permits for exit abroad.

7. The Ministry of Justice of Turkmenistan shall prepare proposals for the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan on adjustments and additions to the regulatory and legal acts of Turkmenistan in pertinent to this decree and introduce them in the established order.

The President of Turkmenistan

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