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INTRODUCTION

Dear Readers,

We are proud to meet you with the second issue of BSHK HATIP Law Firm.

Unfortunately, in these difficult days we are in, as the whole world sees how important health is, that health is the first and foremost thing in this life, and we once again express our gratitude to our health workers, the heroes of the COVID-19 process.

At the same time, during the COVID-19 pandemic period, we are excited to meet with you and issue our first issue.

We carefully follow all the measures taken by the state administration to reduce the impact of the pandemic in almost commercial, economic and legal transactions, and in this context we try to produce commercial and Legal Solutions on this issue.

As a law firm established in Turkey and opened to the world, we are aware of how important it is to share professional knowledge and experience with all our team from providing solutions and consulting services to our clients and business partners in the commercial and economic field during this period when the borders between countries are closed. As a result of this awareness, we realize our goals of opening up to the world by developing our methods of producing solutions together with our entire team, and we hope to meet you with such publications.

In the first issue of Bshk Hatip, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we wanted to inform you about this by showing you how to start a company, continue company transactions, buy real estate, complete existing real estate transactions without coming to Turkey, complete Turkish citizenship acquisition transactions from your country and without having to come to Turkey.

Especially in recent years, our team is working hard to acquire Turkish citizenship through the purchase of real estate, which has been popular, and you can quickly complete your transactions without having to come to Turkey.

On the other hand, with our expert staff in the field of corporate law, we can produce solutions by completing your transactions on behalf of you without having to be in Turkey. We would like to note that the same care and effort will be taken in the continuity of this brochure, which we have collected under the title How to Do business in Turkey and all of which are prepared by our team.

We hope you enjoy this issue of BSHK HATIP LAW FIRM.

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HOW TO ACQUIRE TURKISH CITIZENSHIP WITHOUT COMING TO TURKEY?

Under the Regulation on the Implementation of Turkish citizenship Law, foreigners who fulfill one of the 5 conditions listed below may acquire Turkish citizenship exceptionally by a presidential decree:

- a. Foreigners who have purchased immovable property amounting to at least 250,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira with the condition that the property is annotated in the land register as NONSALABLE for a period of three years; or foreigners who are identified by
- b. the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization to have undertaken via annotation in the land register not to transfer or delete from the register for three years the notarized sales promise for immovable property on which commonhold or construction servitude is established and for which a sum of minimum 250,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira is deposited in cash,
- c. Foreigners who are identified by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance to have purchased public debt instruments for the amount of at least 500,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira for three years,
- d. Foreigners who are identified by the Capital Markets Board to have purchased real estate investment fund participation share or

venture capital investment fund participation share amounting to at least 500,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira for at least three years,

- e. Foreigners who are identified by the Ministry of Industry and Technology to have made a fixed capital investment of at least 500,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira.

In the current period where entry to and exit from countries are restricted due to the outbreak of COVID-19, is it possible to acquire Turkish citizenship without being in Turkey?

Under today's conditions in which entrance to and exit from countries are restricted due to COVID-19 outbreak, it is possible to acquire Turkish citizenship without being in Turkey or having to change location in any way.

As stated above, foreigners (and their family) who have purchased immovable property amounting to at least 250,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira with the condition that the property is annotated in the land register as NONSALABLE for a period of three years; or foreigners who have undertaken via annotation in the land register not to transfer or delete from the register for three years the notarized sales promise for immovable property on which commonhold or construction servitude is established and for which a sum of minimum 250,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira is deposited in cash may complete their application procedures and acquire Turkish citizenship without having to come to Turkey.

For this, it is sufficient for the foreigner to issue a power of attorney via the Turkish Consulate or the Turkish Embassy in the country where he / she re-

sides. Power of attorney allows lawyers to carry out all citizenship application procedures in Turkey on behalf of the foreigners. If following the application Turkish citizenship is acquired, passport and identity procedures may be carried out without coming to Turkey and at the Turkish Consulate of the country in which the foreigner resides. Moreover, in this way, according to the Law, the spouse of the applicant foreigner and his/her non-adult children under the age of 18 acquire Turkish citizenship as of the date of application.

IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE TURKISH CITIZENSHIP WITHOUT BEING IN TURKEY;

- 1. An immovable property the value of which is amounting to at least 250.000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira must have been purchased or an agreement must be signed before the notary public for the sales promise of the immovable property for which minimum

250,000 USD or its equivalent in foreign currency or in Turkish Lira has been paid in advance.

- 2. Foreigners must issue a power of attorney before the Turkish Consulate or Turkish Embassy in their country of residence to a lawyer to follow the citizenship procedures in Turkey and thereby authorize the lawyer to carry out the application procedures.
- 3. For the acquisition of Turkish citizenship, the foreigners must send the documents listed below via postal services or cargo to the lawyer authorized by power of attorney.

As mentioned above, following the purchase of the real estate, if a power of attorney is issued to a lawyer to whom the necessary documents are subsequently sent, the foreign persons and their families may acquire Turkish citizenship without having to come to Turkey and pass any interviews.



HOW TO PREPARE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY?

In order for Turkish citizenship application and follow-up procedures to be carried out by lawyers, the procedures for which the lawyer is authorized must be explicitly stated in the power of attorney to be issued by the foreigner. For this reason, we recommend that you obtain the text of the power of attorney to be prepared by the Turkish Consulate or the Turkish Embassy from your lawyer. At your request, a copy of power of attorney will be shared with you in Turkish and English.

If you apply with the sample power of attorney to the Turkish Consulate or Turkish Embassy in your country of residence, a power of attorney will be prepared accordingly. The power of attorney prepared in this way will be valid before all authorities of the Republic of Turkey and the lawyer authorized by the said power of attorney will be able to carry out the necessary procedures for the acquisition of citizenship on behalf of the foreign person.

If an application for Turkish citizenship will be made for the spouse of the foreign person and their children under

the age of 18, a separate power of attorney is required for the spouse. A power of attorney is not required for the citizenship application of children under the age of 18; their applications may be made through the power of attorney issued by their parents.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In line with the power of attorney issued by the applicant, following application procedures may be carried out by the lawyers authorized with the power of attorney without the applicant.

a. Preparation of Documents

The following documents must be sent to the lawyer by the applicant.

- Power of attorney issued by the foreign person and their spouse,
- Passport photocopies of the foreign person and their family members,
- Birth certificates of foreign person and their family members,
- Marriage certificate of the foreign person and their spouse,
- If the foreign person is unmarried, a document showing the marital status,

- If the foreign person is divorced, the divorce decision obtained from the competent authorities,
- Biometric photographs of the foreign person and their family members.

In order for the abovementioned documents to be used in the application in Turkey, the documents must be approved by the competent authorities of both the country of origin and Turkey. Accordingly, the originals of the documents should be approved by the competent authority of the country of residence (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Turkish Embassy). In this way, when the certified originals of the documents are sent to us, in order for the documents to be valid and suitable for application in Turkey, we will carry out the necessary translation, notarization and consulate approval procedures.

b. Application to Land Registry and Obtention of the Certificate of Conformity

For the acquisition of Turkish citizenship, it is required that the real estate/s that are purchased or that are subject to a notarized preliminary sales agreement are annotated as nonsalable for three years and subsequently, a certificate of conformity with the approval of the Land Registry Directorate is obtained. All the said deed transactions may be completed by lawyers.

c. Residence Permit

Turkish citizenship applications require the applicant to have a residence permit, including the application for which can be made by the lawyers authorized by a power of attorney. It is not necessary to be in Turkey in order to obtain a residence permit. If the foreign person has previously obtained a residence permit, procedures for the extension of the permit or for the adaptation of the current residence permit to the Turkish citizenship application can also be made by lawyers.



As mentioned above, following the preparation of documents, application to land registry directorates and obtention of the residence permit, lawyers will make an appointment with the relevant institution on behalf of the foreigner and their family for the citizenship application. The foreigners and their family do not have to be present at the interview for the application. The lawyer authorized by power of attorney will participate in the interview on behalf of the foreign person and their family and complete the application. After the completion of the application, the institution will share a "tracking number" with which the status of the application can be checked at any time through the system. The lawyer who has made the application will share the tracking number with you immediately and will inform you on how to keep track of the process.

AFTER THE APPLICATION

For foreigners and their families whose applications are approved, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Turkey will issue an "Announcement Document." The "Announcement Document" stating that the foreigner and their family have acquired Turkish citizenship will be received by the lawyers by proxy and sent to the applicant.

The person who becomes a Turkish citizen will be able to apply for identity and passport with the "Announcement Document." ID card and passport application for the foreign person does not have to come to Turkey. You can apply for Turkish identity and passport from Turkish Embassies and Consulates in your country of residence immediately after the "Announcement Document" is delivered to you. The necessary procedures to acquire Turkish citizenship by foreign persons without having to be in Turkey are carried out by our legal team. You may contact us for your questions.



PURCHASES OF REAL ESTATE WITHOUT COMING TO TURKEY

Directorate General of Land and Cadastre Department of Foreign Affairs is authorized to make the necessary arrangements and conduct all proceedings to make possible that Turkish citizens and foreign natural or legal persons abroad may carry out any and all kinds of land and cadastre operations in Turkey from the country they are currently in.

The legal regulations now allow land registry procedures to be completed from abroad. Turkish citizens who live abroad and even foreign natural or legal persons, without having to come to Turkey for sale and purchase of real estate or establishment of mortgage, may purchase immovable property from Turkey or sell their immovable property in Turkey.

Foreign Representative Offices of Directorate General of Land and Cadastre may request information, relevant documents and authorization online regarding the land registry proceedings of immovable property registered in Turkey from the Directorate of Land Registry to which the real estate is registered provided that the request clearly identifies the parties to the proceedings and the subject of the request.

Authorization of Foreign Representative Offices

After a request for a particular transaction is made to the foreign representative offices, "authorization" of the office concerning the execution of the said transaction as well as the relevant documentation for the real estate will be requested from the land registry where the real estate is located. Under normal circumstances, the application

for land registry transactions are made to the land registry office where the immovable property is geographically located. However, authorization may be requested from any land registry office without an obligation to apply to the office where the real estate is located. Applications from abroad may be made without being in Turkey via Foreign Representative Offices of Directorate General of Land and Cadastre.

Once the documents relevant to the transaction are submitted to the foreign representative office, the office shall request authorization from the Directorate of Land and Cadastre where the immovable property is located.

Transactions to be Carried Out by Foreign Representative Offices

When authorization is granted, the following statement must be written under the declarations column of the land register page belonging to the immovable property/properties: "Foreign Representative Office of Directorate General of Land and Cadastre in is authorized for the transaction. Date/TAKBIS application number."

(Under article 24 paragraph 3 of the Land Register Regulations, in applications to Foreign Representative Offices of Directorate General of Land and Cadastre, if one or more than one of the applicants do not speak Turkish, a translator shall be present at the proceedings.)

For the transactions that do not require the drafting of a contract, a document of request, and for the transactions that require a contract, an authenticated contract shall be prepared by the

foreign representative office and submitted for the signature of the parties.

According to the type of the transaction, title deed and/or mortgage certificate shall be prepared by the foreign representative office and presented to the parties.

Certified copies of the title deed and/or the mortgage certificate as well as the authenticated contract/the document of request prepared by the foreign representative office that carries out the transaction will be uploaded to TAKBIS e-archive in addition to the color scan of the originals and other relevant documents; following this, a request will be electronically sent to the authorizing district/county directorate of land registry on the same day or the first business day following the date of the transaction in order for the activities of annotation, recording, cancellation or registration regarding the immovable property to be completed.

As a result, all transactions carried out at the foreign representative office will be under record with the specific information on date and time which will prevent the applicants to suffer from any loss of rights.

What is to be Done When Seller and Purchaser are at Different Locations?

Some transactions such as sale and purchase transactions that are planned to be carried out via foreign representative offices of land and cadastre are bilateral and require the signature of both the seller and the purchaser. Land Registry Law (article

26/2) solves the problem of seller and purchaser being in different locations as follows: In contracts regarding the transfer of ownership of immovable properties, in case the parties are present at different directorates of land registry or foreign representative offices, the contract may be concluded by obtaining the parties' consents separately by the officials.

What to Do if the Application is Denied?

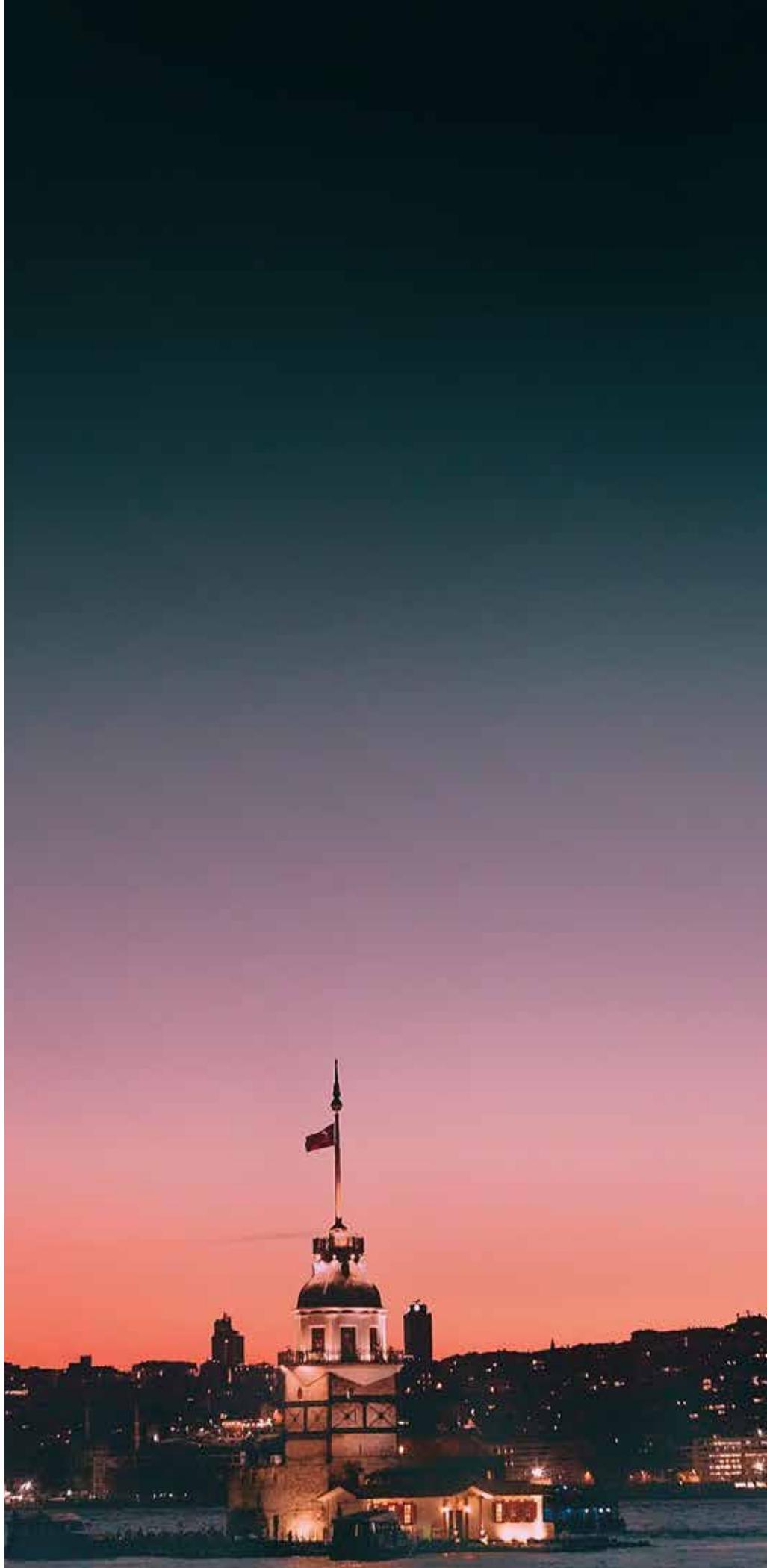
The decision of rejection made by the foreign representative offices of land and cadastre may be objected within 60 days from the date of notification before the relevant representative office to be submitted to the Directorate General of Land and Cadastre.

If the objection is accepted by the Directorate General, the transactions shall be carried out according to the abovementioned procedures.

Countries Where Foreign Representative Offices are Located

There are foreign representative offices in Germany, the United Kingdom, Greece, Austria, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Russia, Belgium and Qatar. In addition, two representative offices are planned to open in Turkic Republics.

For the applications made in countries where there are no foreign representative offices, you may issue a power attorney to us as your lawyers at the Turkish Embassies and Consulates in your country of residence. With this power of attorney authorizing us for the real estate purchase transactions, our team of experts shall diligently carry out the relevant procedures on your behalf.



LAND TRANSACTIONS WITHOUT BEING IN TURKEY?

In Turkey and all around the world, real estate purchase is a rapidly progressing form of investment and even despite the restrictions arose with COVID-19 pandemic regarding entry and exit to the countries, continues to be so without slowing down.

So is it possible to purchase a real estate without coming to Turkey?

Regardless of whether you are in Turkey or not, certain research and investigation prior to buying and selling real estate must be made.

Especially if the real estate will be purchased for Turkish citizenship acquisition, legal examination and reporting should be made on the real estate's land registry and related municipal records. As known; for the acquisition of Turkish citizenship, there should be no mortgages or similar restrictions on the land registry records of the real estate to be purchased. Although it is possible to sell the property with mortgage

or pledges to foreign people, it is not possible to gain Turkish citizenship by purchasing these real estates.

For this reason, it is necessary to make examinations with the help of experts before the purchase of real estate and to report the legal status of the real estate. In this way, the risk of real estate purchase will be eliminated with the legal examination and if the person wants to acquire Turkish citizenship, real estate can be bought in accordance with the conditions stipulated for the acquisition of citizenship.

You can have all the important information about the property you wish to buy, via completion of necessary inspections, documentation and delivery of reports to you by our team.

In addition, with assignment of us as your attorney, it is possible for you to carry out the acquisition of ownership while you are abroad. To do so, it is sufficient for you to arrange a power of attorney on our behalf, from the nearest Turkish Consulate or the

Turkish Embassy in your country. Turkish regulations allow foreigners to make mandatory applications and carry out following transactions necessary to acquire real estate ownership, via their attorneys.

HOW TO PREPARE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY?

For attorneys to inspect, examine and to process the purchase of a real estate in Turkey on your behalf: It is necessary to define clearly for which transactions the lawyer shall be authorized. For this reason, we recommend that you obtain the text of the power of attorney from your attorney, to be issued by the Turkish Consulate or the Turkish Embassy. At your request, a copy of power of attorney can be shared with you in Turkish and English.

If you go to the Turkish Consulate or Turkish Embassy in your country together with the sample of power of attorney, a power of attorney can be issued.



Immediately after the power of attorney is issued to us on the subject, our review process will start with regards to the real estate you intend to purchase.

These examinations consist of two stages.

1. Real Estate Deed and Cadastral Investigation

In order to avoid any problems after the purchase process, firstly and primarily existing title deed records of the real estate you intend to purchase are examined.

Due to the lack of necessary research on land registry records before the purchase of the property, many problems can be encountered after the purchase. Careful examinations can be made at this stage so that the purchaser does not experience any loss of rights during or after the purchase. Since trust and publicity principles are embraced in our legal system, all information about the real estate is available in the Land Registry and Cadastre Directorate where the real estate is located.

The land registry records of the real estate, which is planned to be purchased, are made by us at the Land Registry and Cadastre Directorate where the real estate is located.

After you decide to purchase the real estate, the following reviews will be carried out by us, by proxy.

a. Who Is the Real Owner?

At this stage, the Real Property Owner as the party to the purchase shall be investigated. If the transaction is to be made on behalf of the seller with a power of attorney, the powers of the person authorized by the power of attorney at the point of transfer of the immovable shall be examined.

Necessary information i.e. island and parcel records shall be obtained from

the official records of the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre, where the real estate is located.

Afterwards, whether the real estate planned to be purchased is actually the planned property or not or "whether there is actually such an immovable property" shall be controlled. This process is carried out with the address, island, parcel and independent section numbers that each immovable will have.

b. Is There a Barrier for Sale?

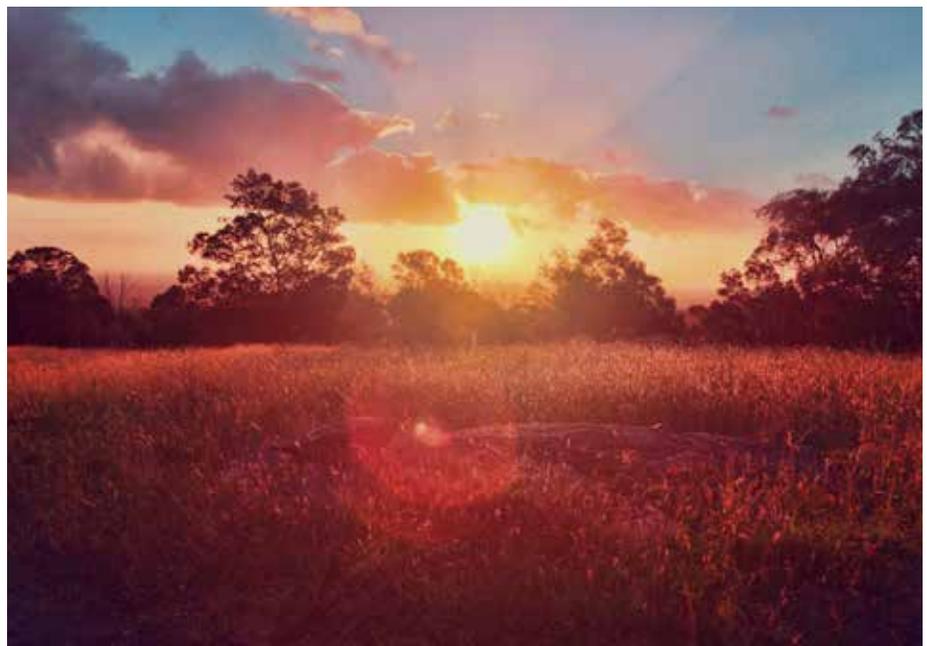
Through the basic information regarding the island and parcel of the property at the Land Registry and Cadastre Directorate we can also check and learn whether there is any restriction such as foreclosure, mortgage, and any other legal measure on the property. Such encumbrances on the property may affect the value of the property and also the buyer can be held responsible. Although the existence of a right established in favor of third parties on the immovable property does not prevent the sale of the real estate, the real estate will be purchased with the mentioned limitations. In this regard, it may cause the buyer to lose rights after the purchase.

c. Is Real Estate Eligible for The Acquisition of Turkish Citizenship, Even If Sales Are Possible?

As explained above; the right of easement (such as mortgage, usufruct, right of residence) on behalf of third parties does not prevent the sale of real estate. However, in case of purchase of such an immovable property with such third-party rights, these rights will have to be endured.

In case the immovable is acquired through the sale-mortgage transaction for citizenship acquisition; the value sought for citizenship acquisition (250.0000 USD), shall be calculated by deducting the loan amount from the sales price and the remaining amount should be at least the amount required in the regulation.

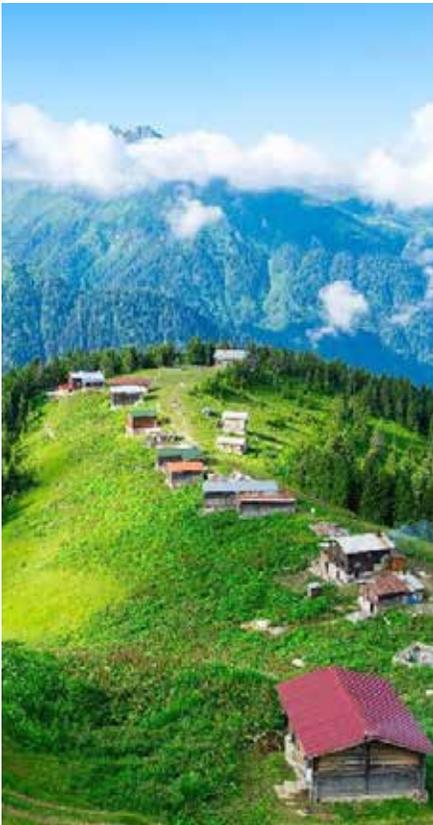
To exemplify this situation; If the value of the real estate that is considered to be purchased is 500.000 USD and if there is above 300.000 USD mortgage on the property, the amount to be determined for citizenship is the result of subtracting 300.000 USD from 500.000 USD. In this case, it will be determined whether the real estate over 200,000 USD will be eligible for citizenship acquisition.



2. Review of Municipal Records

Municipal records of the real estate planned to be purchased are also of great importance. Municipal records display the development and settlement status of the real estate. This is important to know whether there is an obstacle that will prevent the real estate can be used as residence or not according to the relevant municipality records. Another issue examined in the municipality records is the architectural project of the real estate. In the architectural project, whether the current status of the real estate and the plan status in the municipality records match with each other shall be checked.

Another issue is to learn the fair value of the real estate that will be subject to the sale from the relevant units of the municipality and compare the real sale price of the real estate determined by the authorities and prevent the buyer from paying an exorbitant price.



As we already know, the “fair value” in question is of great importance in land purchase and sale transactions. Also the sales price to be declared to the Land Registry Directorate should be reported in accordance with this fair value. Because the sales price reported to the title deed cannot be below the fair value.

DEED TRANSFER

After all these reviews are completed by us, you will be contacted after each transaction and after your written consent, the title deed transfer of the real estate will be carried out by us on your behalf .

The application for the realization of the title deed of the immovable is made to the General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre by the seller. After the request for sale is received by the Land Registry Directorate, the transaction is approved and the parties are called for signature for the transfer of title deed. Again, with the power of attorney issued to us, the sale process can be performed, by us by proxy and the title deed will be issued thereafter.

As a result, with the issuance of a appropriate power of attorney, without coming to Turkey, for the purpose of your aims whether for citizenship application or other means you can acquire ownership of a real estate. When all the necessary transactions are completed, real estate deed of your property will be registered directly in your name in this way without you physically being in Turkey.

Preliminary Contract for Real Estate Sale

By signing a preliminary contract for promise to sell a real estate, parties aim to realize the sale of an immovable at a later date, in exchange for a price determined by the seller and within the conditions determined by the parties.

For also such type of sale, the above-mentioned investigations must be carried out completely by us and we have to make sure that there is no obstacle for the sale/promise to sale. After this we can initiate negotiations on your behalf with the potential seller.

In these negotiations, the essential elements of the contract will be revised in your favor and the necessary negotiations will be made to ensure that your rights are protected at that moment and also in the future. Afterwards, it will be signed by us and on your behalf after your approval is obtained.

With the preliminary contract for the promise to sell real estate, the title deed of the immovable property will not be immediately transferred, since it is promised that the real estate will be transferred to the property of the buyer by the seller at a specified date.

In addition, the preliminary contract for promise to sell real estate is considered suitable for citizenship acquisition, just like ordinary sales transactions. In this regard, after the contract of selling immovable property has been concluded in the presence of a notary, it is annotated to the title deed for Turkish citizenship acquisition and the value sought for citizenship acquisition is determined by the relevant Land Registry Directorate. Also, the title deed transactions at this stage will be made by us, but on your behalf, with your consent to be obtained after giving information about the transactions.

RESULT

All these stages described above will be carried out by us in line with your instructions or approval obtained after provision of regular information on the related transactions. As a result, you can buy a real estate in Turkey without travelling to Turkey by our assistance as lawyers.



ACQUISITION OF TURKISH CITIZENSHIP

In accordance with the Law amendment that has been come into force on September 19th 2018, non-Turkish citizens who purchase a property worth 250,000 USD can acquire Turkish Citizenship.

First step for a non-Turkish citizen who is willing to become a Turkish Citizen is to purchase a property worth minimum of 250.000 USD. There are certain laws to follow when purchasing a property;

- In order to obtain the title deed, non-Turkish citizen must have a Turkish tax number which can easily be obtained from the tax offices.
- Property's tax excluded price must worth 250,000 USD.
- The title deed owner and applicant must be the same person.
- Even though the payment

made in U.S. dollars, the price of the property will be written in Turkish Liras on the title deed. The exchange rate will be adopted according to the current day's effective selling rate of official Turkish Central Bank.

- In case a non-Turkish citizen will purchase the property in Turkish Lira, the exchange rate will be calculated according to current day's effective selling rate of the official Turkish Central Bank
- The property must be purchased from a Turkish person or Turkish company established with a Turkish capital.
- The payment method must be via wire transfer exclusively from non-Turkish citizen's personal bank account to the seller's bank account. Both seller's and buyer's

bank receipts should be documented and stamped by the relevant banks that would prove the wire transfer has completed. The payment will not be accepted if it is made in cash. If a non-Turkish citizen already has a bank account in a Turkish bank, he/she can make the transfer from that account as well.

There are two methods to acquire Turkish citizenship by acquiring real estate. One of them is to apply with a title deed and the second one is to apply with notarized primary sales contract if the title has not been transferred yet. The primary sales contract must be made in front of a notary. In this context, after receiving the title deed or receiving the original copy of the sales contract which is signed in front of the notary, the attorney or non-Turkish citizen should go the relevant land and registry office.

He/She has to put an annotation to the title deed that he/she will not sell the property within 3 years. In the meantime, the property is rentable.

A non-Turkish citizen can purchase multiple properties provided that the total value of the properties worth more than 250.000 USD. Also, multiple non-Turkish citizens can purchase one property provided that each of their parts will worth 250.000 USD.

One of the most important parts of this process is the valuation report. The valuation report is required to be prepared by specialists who are licensed and authorized by the capital market board, in order to determine whether the acquired property is equal to the amount specified in the regulation (250.000 USD). The period of validity for the valuation report is up to 3 months before the purchase of the property.

Once the title deed, valuation report and receipts of the payment are obtained, non-Turkish citizen or the attorney can make the writ-

ten promise (not to sell the property for 3 years) in the Land and Registry office. After the promise is made, the department of foreign affairs will send "the title deed conformity document" to the relevant person.

There is one more document that needs to be obtained before starting to fill the first application form, the health insurance policy. Non-Turkish citizen must have a health insurance which is valid in Turkey. As the insurance period should cover the period of residence time required, the health insurance must be valid for at least one year. The health insurance should be supplied from Turkey.

After completing these steps, non-Turkish citizen or the attorney must fill up the residence permit application form on the internet. The form requires detailed information about the applicant's status such as accommodation, civil status, yearly income and health insurance policy information.

Once the form is filled the non-Turkish citizen should go to "for-



eigner citizenship application office" with the requested documents and have the appointment with the authorities there on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In case he has an attorney acting behalf of him, the attorney will be attending the Residence permit appointment with the client. This residence permit process is an exclusive type of residence permit made for non-Turkish investors in Turkey.

After submitting the required documents to the authorities on the residence permit appointment, the acquisition of Turkish citizenship process officially begins. The resi-





dence permit card will be prepared within a week and after receiving the card, then non-Turkish citizen or the attorney will fill up the Turkish citizenship Application form from the official website of the government. In case non-Turkish citizen does not have an attorney, he/she must attend to the Turkish citizenship Acquisition appointment once again at the foreigner citizenship application office with additional requested documents. On the other hand, if an attorney is acting on his behalf, he doesn't need to be present in the second appointment, the attorney can legally carry out the transaction's behalf of the client. This will be the sec-

ond step of the Acquisition of Turkish citizenship process.

The non-Turkish citizen, his spouse and children under the age of 18 will acquire Turkish citizenship automatically once the main applicant in the family becomes Turkish Citizen.

Once the first (residence permit) appointment is made, it is expected to take about six months for the process of the acquisition of Turkish citizenship to be concluded.

The Turkish Government will examine the file of each individual non-Turkish investor and based on their research they will finalize the application.

In case a non-Turkish citizen doesn't have time to come to Turkey for performing all the transactions, he shall give power of attorney to an experienced Law Firm/Attorney from the Turkish Embassy or a notary in Turkey and the attorney will process the file on his/her behalf.

Briefly, in case a non-Turkish citizen has an attorney acting behalf on him/her, he or she must be present in Turkey only for the first Residence permit appointment after the appointment the attorney will manage all the transactions behalf of the client. After the finalization of Turkish citizenship acquisition process, non-Turkish citizen and his family shall come to Turkey to receive their Turkish ID cards and passports.







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