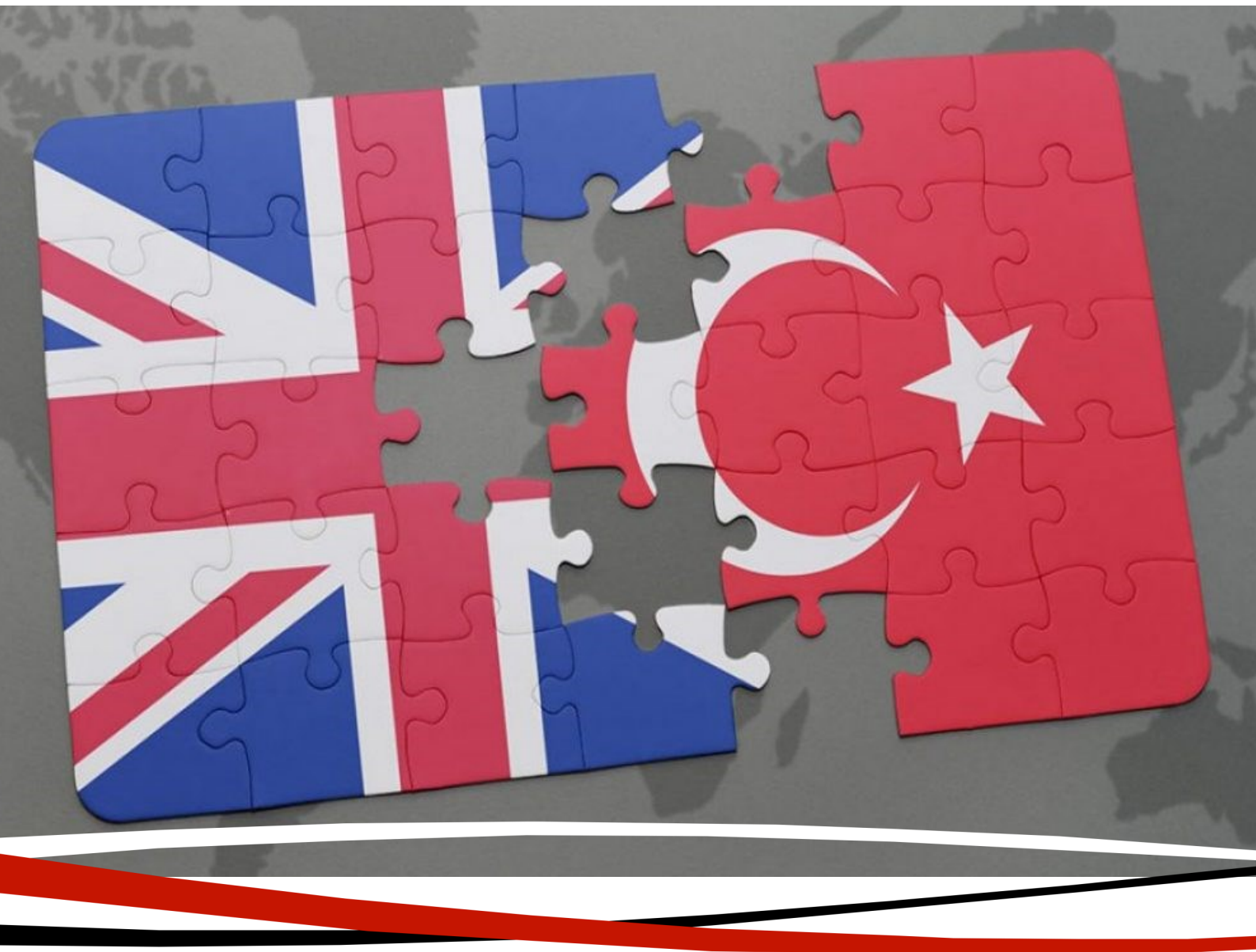


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Turkish Businessperson Visa

The Turkish Businessperson Visa is a unique UK visa option for Turkish citizens only who want to come to the UK to set up a new business or help run an established business. Known as the Ankara Agreement, this visa option stems from the European Community Association Agreement between Turkey and the EU and the old provisions in force in 1973 when the UK joined the EU still apply to all applications.

If you are not a Turkish Citizen, you could first consider the Turkish Citizenship & Residency Programme which grants residency, citizenship and a second passport to individuals investing either in real estate, shares or a bank deposit in Turkey.

Turkish Citizenship & Residency Programme

Citizenship of Turkey is granted within 3 months following the applicant's investment. The applicant must hold the investment for a minimum of 3 years.



The 3 stage process to obtain a UK visa via Turkish citizenship:



Whether you are looking to start or grow your business or even relocate, the UK is not only the 5th largest economy in the world, it is also a great place to live, raise a family and of course to do business. The 'Made in Britain' logo is synonymous with quality goods and services and the English language is an unbelievable asset when it comes to global trade. The Turkish Businessperson visa could be perfect for your situation.

Benefits of Turkish Businessperson Visa

- ✓ Can apply 3 months before the date of travel
- ✓ Can receive a decision within 12 weeks when applying from outside the UK
- ✓ Can stay in the UK for 1 year initially
- ✓ Can extend the visa for another 1 year and then another 3 years
- ✓ Can apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain after 5 years
- ✓ Can spend no more than 180 days per year outside the UK
- ✓ Can switch into this visa from another category (except visitor visa)
- ✓ Can bring your family
- ✓ No initial Home Office fees payable for this visa (usually starting from £1,000 +)
- ✓ No minimum capital or job creation requirement
- ✓ No life in the UK Test or English language requirement
- ✓ No healthcare surcharges (usually around £1,000 +)
- ✓ No minimum income threshold (usually starting from £18,600 +)

Specific Eligibility Criteria for the UK Turkish Businessperson Visa

- ✓ You must be a Turkish citizen
- ✓ You must genuinely want to set up a business or run a pre-existing business
- ✓ You must not be employed but can be a company director for your own business
- ✓ You can prove you have enough funds to set up or contribute to a business
- ✓ You can prove that the dividends you are paid from the business are enough to support yourself and family (if applicable)
- ✓ You have the skills and ability to play an active and essential role in the business
- ✓ There is a genuine need for your services & investment
- ✓ You have not started trading or even started to research or prepare to start trading whilst in the UK on a temporary admission





Brexit impact on Turkish Businessperson visa

As the Turkish Businessperson visa benefits from an agreement relating to the UK's membership of the EU, this visa option will close to new applicants after the transitional period.

The UK officially left the EU at 11pm on 31 January 2020 and ceased to be a member state. However, under the withdrawal agreement the UK then entered into a transitional period, during which the UK shall uphold the obligations of a member state until 31 December 2020. The UK could request an extension once by up to two years before 01 July 2020.

After the transition period the UK will be fully out of the European Union, under whatever terms it has agreed as a future relationship, with the Withdrawal Agreement providing a bedrock.

How our Turkish Businessperson solicitors can help you

The UK is Turkey's second largest export destination, with an average \$17 billion of annual bilateral trade. If you are a Turkish citizen, we can assist you in making the transition to expand your business operations to the UK.

If you are not yet a Turkish citizen, through our network of partners including Real Estate providers, Investment Agencies and Lawyers dealing with the Turkish Citizenship and Residency Programme, we can help you to take the first step to obtain Turkish citizenship and then help you transition to the UK.

Although, the Turkish Businessperson visa is the most flexible visa option available, given the imminent deadline for applications, careful pre-application advice and planning is required.

Monarch Solicitors can help you in the preparation of your application, business plan and ensure that you meet all the legal requirements and provide all the correct supporting evidence.

As a full service law firm, Monarch Solicitors can deal with all your personal and business legal needs. We provide high quality advice to High Net Worth Individuals and have a multilingual team on hand to provide a bespoke service. Our offices are strategically located in Manchester, London, Hong Kong, Turkey and Dubai to deliver a seamless service.

Award Winning Team

Our award winning team is here to help you in all your legal requirements for you, your family and your business.



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