

Why should you register your child's birth in Turkey?

Without birth registration and documentation, children may have problems proving their links to your State, which puts them at risk of becoming stateless.

Birth registration helps to ensure children enjoy their rights such as education and health care.

Birth registration proves the age of your child and protects your child from being vulnerable to protection risks such as trafficking, child labour, child marriage, illegal adoption and sexual exploitation.

Children without birth registration may be unjustly treated as adults in asylum or judicial proceedings.

Birth registration proves that you are the parents of the child and protects the unity of your family. It can also help unify your child with you, if you become separated from your child for any reason.

Birth registration does not itself confer Turkish nationality upon your child.



The right to a name, identity, and to be registered at birth is a right of all children.

If you require further support, you can contact the UNHCR-ASAM Counselling Line for refugees and asylum-seekers in Turkey:

Phone: 444 48 68

Fax: 0312 491 55 82

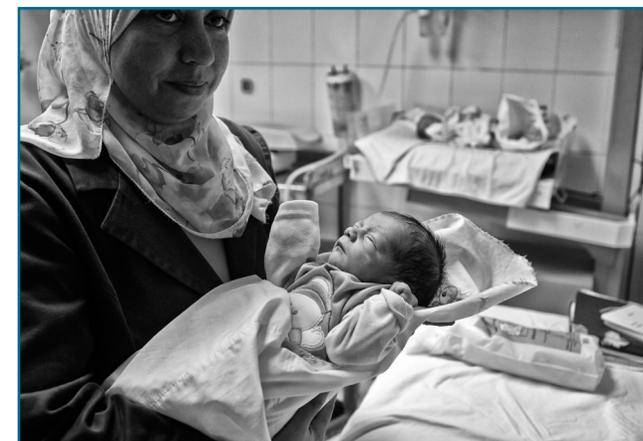
UNHCR-ASAM Counselling Line e-mail:

unhcr-asam.line@sgdd-asam.org

You can also find out more about your rights, obligations and the services available to you in Turkey by visiting UNHCR Turkey's 'Help' website:

<http://help.unhcr.org/turkey>

Birth Registration in Turkey



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What is birth registration?

A birth registration is the official recording of the birth of a child through a state's administrative process. It is a permanent and official record of a child's existence and establishes a child's legal identity.



Who is responsible for notifying the birth of the child?

Under the national legal framework, every birth that occurred in Turkey has to be notified by the mother, father or legal guardian of the child. In their absence grandmother, grandfather, adult siblings or persons accompanying the child shall fulfil this duty.

When should you register your child?

You should register the birth **within 30 days** following the birth date. If you do the notification within 30 days, there is **NO** registration fee.

What is the procedure for birth registration in Turkey?

Birth registration is done by the Population Departments in Turkey.

⇒ If you have any identity cards

(issued by your own country of nationality or the Turkish authorities):

- You will need to bring to the Population Department at the province you reside the original birth report that you obtained from the hospital or health care centre, together with the documents you possess.
- The Population Department will record your information on the birth certificate, register your child's birth and link your child to your family through the foreigners identity number.
- The Population Department will issue a birth certificate and give one copy to you.

⇒ If you do not have any identity cards:

- You can approach to any one of the Population Departments in Turkey. Even if you do not have any identity cards, the Population Department is obliged to accept your notification and register your child's birth.
- The Population Department will issue a birth certificate containing your information and give one copy to you.

⇒ If the birth did not take place in a medical institution, for example you gave birth at home, and you do not have a birth report, notification can be made through your oral statements for the birth registration.

You may learn the location of the relevant Population Department from the camp authorities or the local authorities.