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A one page note from PensionHunter for consular staff and the people they serve.

Where the pension record sits in Turkey

e-Devlet, SGK hizmet dokumu (service record)

Source: turkiye.gov.tr, verified 10 August 2026. <https://www.turkiye.gov.tr>

The route from abroad

The free route gets you the record and stops there. SGK's e-Devlet services for your contribution record, the yurt disi borclanmasi application and the toptan odeme request each open only on an e-Devlet sifresi, mobil imza, elektronik imza, T.C. kimlik karti or internet bankaciligi, all anchored to a T.C. kimlik numarasi. Then comes the real wall. SGK defines yurda kesin donus as the ending of your work abroad and not drawing a residence based foreign social insurance or social assistance benefit, tested at the pension application stage, on a declaration and undertaking document, with a service certificate issued within the three months before you apply. Source: sgk.gov.tr and turkiye.gov.tr, read 4 October 2026.

A deadline we hold for Turkey

The yurt disi borclanma (Law 3201 foreign period buy back) debt must be paid within 3 months of the notification date, or the buy back is void.

Source: sgk.gov.tr, read 24 September 2026.

<https://www.sgk.gov.tr/Content/Post/d4df88e5-f0a2-4a62-a793-949cf611f0a6/Yurt-Disi-Borclanmasi-Islemleri-2026-01-06-02-20-17>

Every deadline we hold for Turkey: <https://pensionhunter.ai/deadlines/turkey>

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No. We identify where a pension is likely held and the official route to it, and we name each source with the date we read it. We do not give financial, tax or legal advice.

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