Türkiye's 20-year foreign income tax exemption

Introduced by Law No. 7582, the regime entered into force on 4 June 2026 and applies to qualifying individuals treated as resident in Türkiye from 1 January 2026. Repeated article 20/D exempts qualifying foreign-source income and gains from Turkish income tax for 20 years, without an annual lump-sum payment or a specified investment condition. Exempt income is left out of the annual Turkish income tax return.

Who can qualify?

- No Turkish domicile or disqualifying tax liability in the previous 3 calendar years
- Individuals treated as resident in Türkiye when they apply; nationality is not decisive
- Applicants who obtain the Exemption Certificate from the tax office on time

Which income may qualify?

- Foreign company dividends and financial income
- Rent from real estate situated outside Türkiye
- Capital gains treated as arising outside Türkiye
- Income from work and services physically performed abroad

REGIME	TERM	COST / KEY CONDITION	GENERAL SCOPE
Türkiye, article 20/D	20 years	No annual charge or specified investment condition	Qualifying foreign income and gains
Portugal, IFICI	10 years	Eligible activity, profession and institution required	20% on qualifying work income; general exemption for specified foreign income
Italy, TUIR 24-bis	15 years	EUR 300,000 annually for moves from 1 Jan 2026	Foreign income within the election
Greece, article 5A	15 years	EUR 100,000 annually and generally a EUR 500,000 investment	Foreign-source income

Four checks before moving

1. Application: Generally by year-end; a person becoming resident in the final two months may apply by the end of the following February.
2. Income source: A foreign payer is not enough. The work, asset and gain must be sourced correctly.
3. Current country and companies: Tax exit, source-country tax, corporate management and treaties must be reviewed together.
4. Ongoing compliance: An incorrect claim can lead to tax, penalties and interest.

Related inheritance benefit

Law No. 7582 fixes the tax rate at 1% for assets passing by inheritance to article 20/D beneficiaries during the exemption period. This is not a full exemption; asset location and the cross-border estate plan require separate review.

Before the move, we review your tax history, income sources and company structure, and prepare the Exemption Certificate application.

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