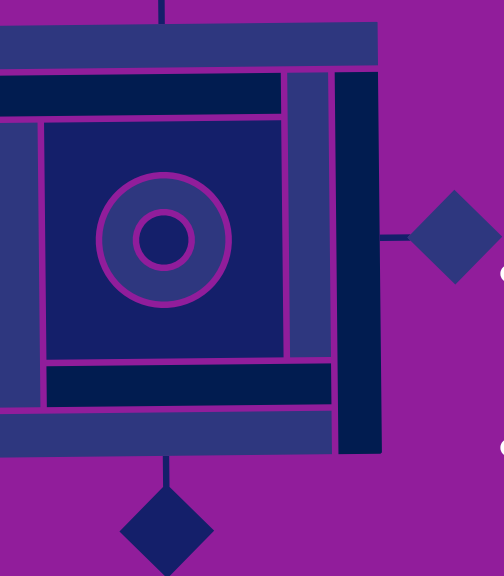


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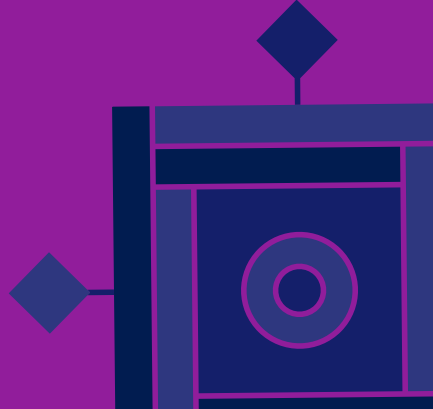
WHAT HAS CHANGED IN 17 LAWS?



Sale of Vehicles in Trustee Parking Lots

- The sale process for vehicles not claimed within six months has been reorganized.
- Annotations such as unsellable, lien, and pledge on the records of these vehicles will be deemed invalid after the sale process.
- If there are deficiencies in the vehicle's chassis or engine number, these deficiencies will be completed by the relevant institution before the sale, and the vehicle will be made ready for sale.
- After the sale, annotations like lien, provisional lien, and pledge on the vehicle will continue over the sale price.
- The ownership of the vehicle will transfer to the new owner debt-free.
- The revenue obtained will first cover expenses, taxes, fees, and charges, and then be distributed to creditors. If no claim is made within five years, the remaining amount will be transferred to the Treasury. If the remaining amount does not cover the debts, a ranking list will be created.

Mediation Regulations

- One of the parties to the settlement document may request registration from the land registry office after obtaining the enforceability annotation. The land registry office will perform the registration without issuing an official document after the necessary examination and evaluation.
 - A party who fails to attend the first meeting without a valid excuse will be held responsible for half of the litigation expenses, even if partially or entirely justified in the case after the mediation process ends. In addition, the attorney's fee in favor of the non-attending party will also be reduced by half.
 - Those who complete mediation training and have 20 years of seniority in their profession can be registered in the mediation registry without the requirement of a written exam.
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Electronic Auction Rules Revised

Bid Intervals: The difference between bids cannot be less than 0.5% of the estimated value of the item put up for sale, and in all cases, cannot be less than TRY 1,000.

Extension of the Duration: Each new bid placed within the last 10 minutes of the auction period will extend the period by 3 minutes. As long as new bids continue, an additional 3 minutes will be added. However, the total extension time cannot exceed one hour, ensuring the process remains controlled.

Authority of the Ministry of Justice: The Ministry of Justice may shorten, extend, or completely remove the total one-hour extension period. These changes will be announced on the Ministry's official website.

Monetary Limits Re-determined

- The monetary limits within the Execution and Bankruptcy Law have been updated based on the revaluation rate, raising the minimum limit from TRY 10 to TRY 1,000. This means that increases not exceeding TRY 1,000 will not be taken into account. Thus, frequent changes to the limits due to minor adjustments will be prevented, and only higher-rate changes will be applied.
- Furthermore, in appeals and cassation applications, the monetary limit at the date of the initial decision will apply, and new increases will not be applied with subsequent decisions.

Right Granted to Mothers to File for the Rejection of Paternity

Mothers are now granted the right to file a lawsuit to reject the paternity link between the father and child.

Time Limits for Filing a Lawsuit

- **Mother:** Within a maximum of 1 year from birth
- **Child:** Within a maximum of 1 year after reaching adulthood
- **Father:** Within 1 year from learning of the birth and that he is not the father or that the mother was involved with another man during conception
- **Other Interested Parties (Person Claiming to Be the Father, Husband's Descendants, Husband's Parents):** Within 1 year from learning in cases where the husband dies, is declared missing, or permanently loses mental capacity before the expiration of the filing period
- **Guardian (Appointed for a Minor Child):** Within 1 year from notification of the appointment decision

New Arrangements in Civil Registry for Adoption

For minors who lack the power of discernment, the civil registry will be updated as follows:

- In cases of joint adoption, the names of the adopting spouses will be registered as mother and father.
- In cases of single adoption, the adopting person's name will be registered as either mother or father.

The same arrangement will apply to other adopted individuals, and this provision will be applied upon their request.

New Amendments in Reconciliation and Conciliator Regulations

Decision Must Be Made Within 7 Days: If the suspect, victim, or person harmed by the crime does not respond to the reconciliation offer within 7 days, the offer will be considered rejected.

No Compensation Lawsuit: When reconciliation is achieved, no compensation lawsuit can be filed regarding the crime, except for damages that cannot be determined.

New Requirement to Become a Conciliator: A requirement for a law degree has been introduced to become a conciliator. Conciliators will be appointed from lists determined by the Ministry of Justice. The rights of current conciliators will continue to be protected.

Dismissal of the Case Upon Reconciliation: When reconciliation is reached and the defendant fulfills their obligations, the court will decide to dismiss the case. If the obligations are paid in installments or are ongoing, the court will decide to suspend the proceedings.

Statute of Limitations Will Halt: During the suspension period, the statute of limitations will not run.

Failure to Meet Reconciliation Requirements: The court will continue the trial from where it left off.



Changes in Insult Crime: Limitation on Complaint Period and Prepayment Mechanism

The investigation and prosecution of insult crime is subject to a complaint, with the complaint period limited to 2 years from the date of the act.

The crime of insult via auditory, written, or visual communication has been removed from the scope of reconciliation and included under prepayment. Prepayment allows offenders to avoid punishment by paying a specified amount, whereas reconciliation involves reaching an agreement with the victim.

Changes in the Duties and Authorities of Judicial Inspectors

New Areas of Responsibility: The duties of judicial inspectors now include monitoring the administrative duties of prosecutors, overseeing ministry departments, and inspecting judges and prosecutors serving in international courts or organizations.

New Authorities: Judicial inspectors have been granted the authority to listen to individuals under oath as needed in investigations, gather information from public institutions, and use the National Judiciary Informatics System and audiovisual informatics systems.



New Regulation on Distribution of Legal Aid Allowance

In line with the Constitutional Court's annulment decision, the legal aid allowance will be distributed among bar associations as follows:

- In provinces with multiple bar associations, 30% of the total points allocated for each 5,000 population will be shared equally among the bar associations in that province.
- The remaining points will be divided by the total number of lawyers registered with the bar in that province.
- The resulting figure will be multiplied by the number of members of each bar, and, ultimately, the legal aid allowance will be distributed according to these points.

Innovations in the Entrance Exam for Legal Professions: Increase in Question Count and Inclusion of New Subjects

- New subjects, including international law, private international law, general public law, and social security law, have been added to the areas covered in the exam. It has been stated that additional legal subjects may be included by regulation as needed.
- The number of questions has been increased from 100 to 120.
- The exam content, format, and other details will be regulated by a Ministry of Justice directive in consultation with relevant institutions.



New Procedures for Submission of Files to the Appellate Review and Designated Chamber

- The judicial chamber handling the appellate review will conduct a preliminary examination within 1 month of receiving the case file.
- If the chamber determines it is not the competent chamber based on division of tasks, it will send the file to the chamber it deems competent, providing justification.
- After the 1-month period or the date of the hearing, no decision to transfer the file can be made.
- If the chamber receiving the file concludes within a 2-week period that it is also not competent, it will issue a decision on interim legal protection measures and refer the file to the General Assembly of Judicial Chambers.
- No decision to transfer can be made after the 2-week period.
- The decision on division of tasks by the General Assembly after the preliminary review will be final.

Increase in Monetary Limits for Cases to be Resolved by a Single Judge

- The monetary limits for cases to be resolved by a single judge in the Regional Administrative Courts, Administrative Courts, and Tax Courts will be increased annually according to the revaluation rate under the Tax Procedure Law.
 - The monetary limit will be determined based on the amount at the time of the case filing. If an adjustment has been made, the limit as of the adjustment date will apply.
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Regulation on Monetary Limits and Revaluation in the Code of Civil Procedure

- As of the start of each calendar year, the monetary limits applied in the previous year will be increased at the revaluation rate determined and announced by the Ministry of Finance. However, increments not exceeding TRY 1,000 will not be considered.
- Increases in monetary limits relevant to appellate and cassation applications will not apply to subsequent decisions issued following annulment or reversal decisions by the regional courts or the Supreme Court. In such cases, the monetary limits at the date of the original decision will apply.

New Regulations on Real Estate Related to the General Directorate of Foundations and Managed Foundations

No Fees for Valuable Paper and Transaction Fees: No fees for valuable paper or transaction costs will be charged for transactions involving these properties, and no participation fees will be paid to public institutions.

Exemption from Fees Under the Fees Law: The General Directorate of Foundations will be exempt from court fees specified in the Fees Law. Furthermore, the General Directorate will not be required to provide security in any legal proceedings, including litigation, enforcement actions, and interim legal protection measures. This exemption will also apply to foundations managed and represented by the General Directorate.

Restoration and Repair Leasing Procedures: The procedures and principles for leasing foundation cultural assets in exchange for restoration or repair will be determined by regulation.

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