

Turkish is the official language of the Republic of Turkey and one of the official languages of Cyprus. It originated many centuries ago in the Northern Siberian Altay Mountain Range. Today, Turkish is the most commonly spoken Turkic language worldwide.

Turkish Cypriot migration to Australia began in the late 1940s, the first migrants coming for work opportunities. Numbers grew from 1963 onwards as a result of the conflict in Cyprus. Migration from Turkey continued in the 1980s, involving family reunion programs and an increase in general skilled and educational migration.

Turkish is a phonetic language with 29 letters derived from the Latin alphabet. Each letter represents only one sound. While Turkish uses the same Latin alphabet as English, the pronunciation of some letters differs significantly.

The Australian Curriculum: Languages, Foundation to Year 10 for Turkish is pitched to background learners, the dominant cohort of learners in the current Australian. The Australian Curriculum: Languages for Turkish has been developed according to two learning sequences: Foundation to Year 10, and Years 7 to 10 (Year 7 entry). Teachers will use the curriculum to cater for learners of different backgrounds by making appropriate adjustments to differentiate learning experiences for these students.

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