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Readiness score 0–100

Risk: Medium

Applicant
A. Demir

Nationality
Turkish

Residence
Turkey

Summary

Strong overall profile with disposable income above the comfort threshold and clear ties to home. Two items keep this out of the Low-risk bucket: thin Schengen travel history and a recent £4,200 deposit that isn't sourced. Address proof was not submitted and the score lands at ~85.

Summary Item	Value (0–100)
Financials	78
Ties to home	84
Travel history	55
Route specific	70
Documentation	72

Strengths

- Disposable income of ~£640/month after dependants — comfortable margin over the funds-available bar caseworkers look for in the Genuine Visitor test.
- Property ownership in Istanbul plus a stable 5-year employment record demonstrate strong ties to home country, the single biggest factor in Visitor visa decisions.
- Confirmed hotel booking and a detailed 8-day itinerary covering London + Edinburgh — the kind of specificity that aligns with a tourism purpose rather than triggering Genuine Visitor concerns.

Weaknesses

- No prior Schengen or other developed-country visa stamps — caseworkers use travel history as a proxy for compliance, and a thin record raises the bar on every other piece of evidence.

- The £4,200 deposit on 12 March is unexplained in the statement narrative. Unexplained large deposits are one of the most common Visitor visa refusal reasons (Appendix V, V 4.2(a)).
- Salary multiplier is 4.2× monthly disposable income — fine, but caseworkers prefer to see 6×+ when there's no prior travel history to cross-check against.

Recommended fixes

- Add a one-line cover-letter explanation for the 12 March £4,200 deposit (e.g. annual bonus payment, sale of fixed asset, gift from named relative) and attach the source document (payslip, sale contract, bank-transfer receipt). This single fix typically moves Finance sub-score from 78 to 90.
- If you can wait 4 weeks before submitting, add a Schengen trip to your travel history (Greek islands or Bulgaria are visa-free for Turkish nationals' day-trips and produce stamped entries). Each developed-country trip adds roughly 8 points to Travel History sub-score.
- Request an employer letter that explicitly states (a) approved leave dates matching your itinerary, (b) salary, (c) confirmation you'll return to the same role after the trip. Caseworkers weigh the explicit return-to-role clause heavily for the Genuine Visitor test.
- Include a printed accommodation confirmation for the London hotel (currently only the London hotel is booked). 'Accommodation TBD' wording on any letters triggers the 'genuine intention' test (Appendix V V 4.2(c)).
- Print 6 months of bank statements rather than statement 3. The extra history demonstrates spending discipline and gives caseworkers more context for the disposable-income calculation.

Home office references

- Appendix V (Visitor) — Genuine Visitor test; intention to leave, ability to maintain and accommodate.
- Modernised guidance — Visitor: Standard Visitor: financial requirement evidence (last updated 12 February 2026).
- Caseworking Instructions — Visitor: ECB18 — Assessing 'Genuine Visitor' credibility from documentary evidence.
- Appendix V V 4.2(a) — applicants must show funds 'genuinely available' — unsourced deposits within 6 months of application require explanation.