

OFFICE DIRECTORY · ALABAMA

Official Offices in Alabama: Immigration, Court and Passport 2026

We publish no federal street address. There is no immigration court in the state and which court administers a case could not be determined, so no court is named either.

SHORT ANSWER

This guide **deliberately** omits some addresses and we say why plainly: the immigration agency, the enforcement arm, the customs agency and the Social Security pages were closed to automated access this round, the archive service was rate limited, and publishing a federal address from an old archive capture is exactly the mistake that sends people on wasted journeys. **The only correct sentence is this: the address you need is the one on your appointment notice.** On the court side this state makes the series write a sentence for the first time: **there is no immigration court in Alabama, and which court administers a case could not be determined from the federal agency's own list; so no court is named here.** And the most expensive mistake up front: **do not search the federal list for the name of your own town**, because the facilities carrying those names are in another state.

Why there is no address, and what stands in its place

Publishing no address and there being no office are not the same thing. The address is on **your appointment notice** and in the agencies' own office finders. The table below shows which errand runs through which door.

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
Green card and citizenship interview	Field office list . No walk-ins
Fingerprint and photograph appointment	Application support center list . You do not choose the center , it is named in your I-797C notice
Asylum interview	The agency's own office list . A separate asylum office in the state could not be verified. Form I-589 is not handed in
Case status and appointment request	Online account ; Contact Center 1-800-375-5283 , appointments are free
Processing times	Processing times page ; pick the form, the category and the office holding your case
A regular check-in requirement	The agency's own check-in page . If you hold an appointment notice, the address on it governs

TASK	WHERE TO LOOK
I-94 record	The customs agency's lookup page
Correcting an entry error	The agency's own list page . The location and hours of the Alabama office could not be verified , so they are not published here
Social Security matters	The agency's office locator , by ZIP code. General line 1-800-772-1213

ONE QUESTION LEFT OPEN, AND WE DO NOT CLOSE IT

- **Whether a biometrics appointment is assigned inside Alabama or outside the state line could not be verified**, because the agency's jurisdiction pages did not open at all this round.
- **And that is not a formality here:** as you will see below, where a case is administered in this state **cannot be inferred from geography**.
- **We do not guess.** Read the notice before you set off, and do not **assume** that the center nearest your postal address is the one you were given.
- **What a center does not do:** it gives no information about your case and provides no service beyond taking biometrics. Take case questions to the Contact Center.

Immigration court: none in the state, and which one applies could not be determined

The federal agency's listing of courts is organized by the city each court sits in, and **no Alabama city appears on it**. The second sentence matters more: **which court administers the record of a case for someone living in Alabama could not be determined from the federal agency's own list**. The agency's **administrative control list** has three columns: the court that keeps the record, its assigned responsibility, and other hearing locations. Read this round, it produced three findings: **no Alabama federal office is named anywhere in the assigned responsibility column**; one neighboring sub-office's parenthesis lists the states it covers one by one and **Alabama is not in it**; and two other entries carry **open-ended wording** about including sub-offices, naming neither Alabama nor excluding it.

The honest conclusion: research could not establish which court administers the record of a non-detained Alabama resident's case. **So we name no court and we imply no direction**. The only safe sentence: there is no immigration court in Alabama, hearings are held at a court in another state, and which one depends on **which federal office issued your papers**, not on which building is closest.

THE NAME TRAP: YOU WILL FIND YOUR TOWN'S NAME ON THE LIST, IN ANOTHER STATE

- The federal agency's own list carries **facilities named after Alabama places that are in another state**. This costs real time and money.
- Huntsville Department of Corrections: **Texas**. It shares a name with Alabama's largest city and has nothing to do with it.
- Montgomery Processing Center: **Texas**. It shares a name with Alabama's state capital; the listed entry belongs to a county in Texas.
- Limestone Detention Center: **Texas**. Alabama has a county of the same name, but the listed facility is not there.
- **Do not try to match your case to a court by searching for your town's name. Read the notice.**

THREE INCONSISTENCIES, PRINTED AND LEFT UNRESOLVED

- On the same federal list, an Alabama detention facility appears in **the assigned responsibility column of a court in one state** and, as the same facility, in **the other hearing locations column of a court in a different state**. The two columns mean different things, so this may not be a contradiction at all; but it cannot be resolved from the list and we do not resolve it.
- The same list also **misspells the name of an Alabama city**.
- And one entry appears as an abbreviation only, **with no state given at all**; we do not place it on a map.
- **None of these entries means that any of those facilities currently holds a detention contract**; the list says where a case is administered from, and the contract question was not researched this round.

If you are going to court: the agency's own rules

- **Fax and unauthorized electronic filings are not accepted.** Unless staff or the judge specifically request them, documents sent are **not entered on the record** and, in the agency's own words, are **discarded without being reviewed and without notice to the sender**. That is a real way to lose a case.
- **Security screening on every visit:** metal detector and bag search, **you may be asked to remove your shoes**, food and drink are not admitted except as the judge allows, and **cameras and recording devices are prohibited**.
- **Hearings are open to the public** and in the agency's own words **no advance notice is required** for your visit.
- **Anyone representing you must be registered in the agency's registry system.** Check this when you retain an attorney or accredited representative.
- **Remote appearance may be possible but the judge decides**; this guide promises you nothing on that point.
- **Plan the journey from the start.** Because the hearing is in another state, travel, lodging and time off work are part of this case. **We publish no distance and no driving time**, because none came from a source this round.
- **Case status:** your A number is enough for the [case information system](#), and the telephone line is 1-800-898-7180. **The official information is still the hearing notice.**

- **Check closures on the morning of your hearing:** the [operational status page](#). In this state **severe weather is a real cause of closure**; one storm closed three separate agencies on the same day this round.
- **Report an address change to the court separately**, within 5 days, on Form EOIR-33. The court address changes only through that form.

Passport acceptance facilities: search by ZIP code, not by city name

A first U.S. passport is obtained in person on Form DS-11, and the federal data file shows **101 acceptance facilities** in Alabama; but that number can mislead, because **some cities have none and others have more than two. An acceptance facility and a passport agency are two different things:** an acceptance facility may be a post office, a clerk's office in a county courthouse, a library or a university counter; **a passport agency is an entirely separate, appointment-only network for urgent travel. The nearest passport agency to Alabama could not be verified this round** and we publish no agency name, city or distance.

RULE	REASON
Search by ZIP code	In the federal file one acceptance facility carries a city's name and is actually inside that city , but is listed under another city's postal name . This was verified in a single query against a federal location service. Someone searching by city name can miss a facility in their own city
Remember the reverse too	A large city's name in a facility's postal address does not mean the facility is in that city. In this state the envelope shows neither jurisdiction nor location
Get the hours from the agency	The federal file gives hours as a code and can understate the agency's own rule. In both examples measured, the agency's own page was more restrictive: one runs some days by appointment only and others on a walk-in basis; the other is appointment only and requires a separate appointment for each applicant
The payment trap costs real money	One county counter read this round writes that the federal passport fee cannot be paid by debit or credit card and only by check or money order, while it accepts check, money order or cash for its own execution fee. You make two separate payments at the same counter and the accepted methods may differ
Language	The help notes of one acceptance facility read this round are also published in Spanish. No Turkish material was found at any of them ; we do not write that there is none

We publish no fee figures, because both the federal fee and the local execution fee change. **When you go:** Form DS-11 is completed but **not signed**, the signature is made in front of the official; **the original** citizenship document is taken and surrendered during the process; the original and **a photocopy** of your photo identification are required; and a child's application needs both parents present or the consent document the agency requires. Choose the facility through [the agency's acceptance facility finder](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION AND JURY DUTY: ONE IS SETTLED, THE OTHER IS OPEN

- **Voter registration and voting belong to U.S. citizens only**, green card holders included. Registering or voting without citizenship can have serious consequences for your immigration case and is also a crime.
- **Read the box on the form.** If a license, identification card or public service application contains a voter registration section, signing it is in most states treated as **a sworn statement that you are a citizen. How a license application connects to voter registration in Alabama could not be verified this round**; read every section of the form put in front of you and do not sign a section you do not understand.
- **That warning carries extra weight here:** on public benefit applications the statute requires **U.S. citizens as well** to sign a declaration that they are citizens. So the declaration placed before you is not always a voter form; read which one you are signing.
- **Do not complete voter registration forms** handed to you by volunteers door to door or at events.
- **On jury duty we say what we do not know:** which public records Alabama's jury master list is built from could not be verified, so we do not know whether license records feed it.
- **What to do if a summons arrives:** do not ignore the letter. Call the jury office of the court named on it, or respond online as the letter instructs, and state that you do not meet the qualifications. The process varies by county, so use **the number on your letter**.

One final limit, and we write nothing in either direction: Alabama has no international land border but it does have a coast in the south. **Whether any part of the state falls inside the federal reasonable distance zone was not measured from any source this round** and we say neither that it does nor that it does not. We also write no sentence about what an officer will do; this guide makes no prediction about conduct.



TURKISH-SPEAKING IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY IN ALABAMA

Have a question about your immigration status?

Attorney Asim Clinch serves clients across Alabama, in Turkish and English. Free evaluation:

clinchlaw.com/free-evaluation · +1 866-491-7669

Office: 321 N Central Expy, Ste 206, McKinney, TX 75070

Attorney responsible for this guide: Asim Clinch, Esq., Clinch Law Firm P.C. Attorney Asim Clinch is a member of the Missouri Bar (No. 76084) and practices U.S. federal immigration law.

Attorney advertising. This guide is general information only. It is not legal advice and is not a substitute for the advice of an attorney. Information compiled from official sources as of October 10, 2026; fees and procedures change, so check the official site before you act. Reading this guide does not create an attorney-client relationship. The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements. Latest version: clinchlaw.com/city-guides/alabama-immigration-attorney